



# GARDEN SCHOOL

Jackson Heights, New York

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## About the Merit Scholarship Exam

Garden School will be offering the annual Merit Scholarship Exam on Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 AM.

The Merit Exam and the scholarships are eligible to both new and current Garden students, who are enrolled in grades 5-10 (entering 6-11 in 2016). Pre-registration is required and the attached Registration Form must be completed and returned with the \$50.00 Application Fee by Wednesday, December 2nd.

Offered for over 20 years, close to 100 students participate in this competitive exam. Students who achieve the best results are eligible for substantial scholarships ranging from 25%-100% of tuition, starting in September 2016 and continuing for the duration of their years at Garden School. Thus, a Merit Scholar entering as a sixth grader can expect to receive a scholarship award for seven years. *The scholarships can be worth as much as \$120,000 in Garden School tuition fees over a seven-year period.*

The Merit Scholarship Exam consists of sections on math concepts, math computation, vocabulary and reading comprehension, and will include a writing sample. After the Exam, Finalists will be contacted and invited for an interview and a copy of all relevant school records must be brought to the interview. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on all aspects of the application process. Families are informed of the test results in writing by Friday, February 12, 2016.

While enrolled at Garden School, Merit Scholars must maintain a B average, be good citizens of the school, and participate in the school's community service program to ensure that the scholarship continues over the years. Recent winners of the scholarship at Garden School have gone on to such universities and colleges as Harvard, Dartmouth, NYU, MIT, and Cornell.

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## About Garden School

**Garden School** was founded in 1923 to meet the need for a high-quality, independent school in Queens. The core of this neighborhood school's early vision remains the same as the faculty and administration combine the wisdom of tradition with the science of up-to-date pedagogical research to offer every student the finest education that maximizes academic and personal potential, in a partnership atmosphere where individual, family and community goals are respected and nurtured.

Garden School's low tuition, compared with that for other independent schools in the metropolitan New York area, makes it a realistic option to a broad spectrum of families. Our student body, reflecting the ever-changing population of Queens, enhances the learning process through an inherent and ongoing cultural exchange.

Located in Jackson Heights, Queens, one of the most diverse areas of New York City, Garden School offers private bus transportation, is easily accessible and admits students from all boroughs and Long Island.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 718-335-6363.