

2017-2018 OWL application process

Thank you for your interest in the 8th grade OWL (Our Whole Lives) program at First UU. If you are completing this application (next page), please **review “Information about Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 8th graders”** found on the OWL page of our website (uusociety.org), which contains important information about the program and how we run it.

IMPORTANT: Please do not complete an application unless you are sure you want your child to participate and are prepared to make a full commitment. If, after reviewing the materials, you are unsure, contact Martha Dallas: martha@uusociety.org | 862-5630 x 28.

1st Step: OWL Application expresses your desire and intent for your child to do OWL:

For the first 20 applications we receive, we “hold your spot.” Later, those 20 applicants must complete the three Registration steps (below) to confirm and “lock in” their spots.

Please send this completed form to: *Martha Dallas, DRE, First UU Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington, VT 05401*. You may also scan and email it, or simply type the required info into an email to: martha@uusociety.org.

Application Deadline: First Monday in August.

If applications exceed program capacity, we will form a waitlist.

2nd Step: OWL Registration: confirms a place in OWL for those whose spots we held:

Accepted families will be invited to register during the first full week in August, at which time they must complete and return the following Registration information. **Registration Deadline for accepted participants: Fourth Monday in August.** Registration confirms a spot in OWL for those who have been accepted. **If your Registration information is not complete by this date, and we have waitlisted applicants, your spot may be offered to a waitlisted student.**

Registration for OWL requires three things:

- 1. Complete the Religious Education registration form for the Program Year in question, which will be on our website (www.uusociety.org). In the Religious Education menu, go to “Register Now” for the link. Families registered the prior year will get an email when the new registration form is ready.
- 2. RSVP to Martha Dallas (martha@uusociety.org or 862-5630 x 28) to attend one of the September OWL Parent Orientations, indicating the names of parent(s) attending. This is required of at least one parent in order for your child to participate. If your child has two custodial parents living locally, we ask that both attend *if at all possible*. Local, custodial parents must both grant permission. Applicants will be informed before summer of the dates and times of the orientations.
- 3. Current Pledge/Registration Fee: UU members or friends must have committed a financial pledge for the OWL year in question. Non-UU families must pay the Registration Fee of \$300 (Check payable to First UU Society. Write “OWL fee” in the memo line).

Please contact Martha Dallas at 862-5630 x 28 or martha@uusociety.org if these fees present a hardship for your family; some scholarship support is available, and ability to pay is NOT a factor in participant acceptance.

Late Registrations: If space is available, we will consider late Registrations pending sufficient time to process them. Spots available during this late timeframe will take several factors into consideration. Some precedence will be given to UU applicants, 8th graders, applicants who previously applied and did not get in, and applicants whose gender brings balance and diversity to the group as a whole.

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Child's name: _____

Name of parent completing this form: _____

Parent phone: (preferred) _____ (alternate) _____

Parent email (print clearly): _____

Child's gender identity:

- Female
- Male
- Other (describe if you'd like: _____)

Child's school grade (or equivalent) for this OWL year: _____

Our Family is (check one):

- a contributing member or friend of First UU and has made a financial pledged for this program year
- not a member or friend of First UU, and will pay the OWL Registration Fee

Has your child applied to OWL in the past and not been accepted? (circle) Yes / No

Thank You!