



Child Care Programs FAQs

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Child Care Scholarships

Am I eligible for a scholarship?

Licensed child care programs located in Franklin County are eligible to apply.

What are the family eligibility requirements?

Scholarships are available for families, including foster families, who are not currently receiving Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC)* and have a total household income of 142% - 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. The chart below is available to determine income eligibility.

In addition to the income eligibility, priority is given to:

- Families with 3 & 4 year-olds
- Families of any age who are not currently enrolled in child care

*If a family is already receiving PFCC or related funding (such as from Child Care Aware or a similar program), they are not eligible for a scholarship.

Income Eligibility Chart

Number of People in Household	Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	142% FPL	300% FPL
1	\$13,590	\$19,297.80	\$40,770
2	\$18,310	\$26,000.20	\$54,930
3	\$23,030	\$32,702.60	\$69,090
4	\$27,750	\$39,405.00	\$83,250
5	\$32,470	\$46,107.40	\$97,410
6	\$37,190	\$52,809.80	\$111,570
7	\$41,910	\$59,512.20	\$125,730
8	\$46,630	\$66,214.60	\$139,890



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Are child care employees eligible for scholarships?

The simple answer is - Yes! If they meet the other scholarship requirements, they can also be an employee of the child care program.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

Visit [Action for Children's website](#) or [click here](#) to start a scholarship application on a family's behalf.

As part of the application process, you will need to provide:

- Functioning email
- Program License Number
- EIN or Social Security Number
- Account & Routing Numbers for Direct Deposit
- Primary Family Contact name and email
- Child's name and age
- Your program's tuition fee schedule
- Family's requested amount of scholarship (up to \$10,000 for 12 months)

How much money will be credited towards the child's tuition balance and how will that be determined?

Each scholarship amount is determined based on your customary tuition fees for the age and classroom of the child. The program can fund up to \$10,000 for a 12- month period. If your typical tuition is less than \$10,000, the program would fund what is needed. If your tuition is greater than \$10,000, the program can partially fund the needed tuition.

Each scholarship is a one-time amount granted for a one-year period. Funds are paid directly to the child care program.

How many Scholarships can I apply for?

Each participating child care program is able to offer up to six scholarships while funding lasts. You can apply for multiple children of the same family, or different families, but each child is counted as one of the six scholarships.

How soon after applying will I hear back?

Once your application has been submitted by both you and the child's family, you will be notified by email of whether or not you have been approved within 3-5 business days.

If a parent leaves before the scholarship term is completed, how do I fill the vacancy?



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Notify Action for Children through RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org of the vacancy and to receive more information on how to proceed.

What steps do I take to continue to receive monthly payments?

You will need to email proof of continued enrollment (sign in/out sheets that document child and parent's information, or parent attestation downloaded from website) on the 1st of each month to RISE@actionforchildren.org.

Educator Signing Bonuses

Is my child care program eligible to apply to offer bonuses?

You are eligible to apply if you:

- Operate a licensed child care program in Franklin County
- Are willing to submit an IRS W-9 form.

Priority is given to programs with a Publicly Funded Child Care agreement, but all licensed programs are eligible.

How many signing bonuses can I apply to offer at my program?

You may apply for up to six bonuses. Signing bonuses are paid in two stages. \$250 will be paid after the employees is hired in their first paycheck. The remaining \$750 is to be paid out following 90 days of employment.

Can I apply signing bonuses to up to six open positions, existing positions, or both?

Programs may only apply signing bonuses to open, full-time positions (30+ hours). You will need to fill out an application for each position you are applying for a bonus. [Visit Action for Children's website](#) to learn more and apply.

What happens if my employee quits before the 90-day period is completed?

If your employee quits or is terminated before they complete the 90-day period, they will not receive the remaining \$750. Contact RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org for further information on how to proceed.

Will I need to report these funds for tax purposes?

Action for Children will issue 1099s for these funds.



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Incentive Awards

Am I eligible for an incentive award?

Licensed child care programs located in Franklin County that meet the requirements of the individual incentive awards, are eligible.

When will this program be released?

This program will be coming in the next few weeks.

Where will I be able to find information?

The same program page where you accessed information on the Signing Bonus and Scholarships Programs will be updated to include information on the Incentive Awards.

Have more questions? Learn more [on our website](#) or email us at RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org!



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