



Child Care Scholarships: Families FAQs

Am I eligible for a scholarship?

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 with children 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.

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

Are child care employees eligible for scholarships?

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

What if I live in an area that shares two counties?

To be eligible, the child care program must be located inside Franklin County.



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Will I lose scholarship eligibility if I have a change in income status?

Your income will be verified at the beginning of the process. Much like a college scholarship, once your need has been demonstrated, the scholarship is committed to you. The only circumstance that would put your scholarship in jeopardy is changing child care providers.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

You can apply for a scholarship by working with a participating child care program, who will start the application on your behalf. Please [contact Action for Children](#) if you need help finding a child care program that meets your needs, or determining which programs will accept the scholarship.

As part of the application process, you will need to provide verification of income. Verification can include:

- Check stubs
- Unemployment payment statements
- A letter from your employer

My provider has never heard of Franklin County RISE. What do I do?

All licensed child care programs in Franklin County are eligible to participate, but may not know about the program. [Use this guide](#) to talk to your child care provider about scholarships.

How much money will be credited towards my child care tuition balance and how will that be determined?

Each scholarship amount is determined based on three factors:

- The type of desired child care program
- Age of the child to be enrolled
- Payment policies of individual providers.

The maximum amount of scholarship dollars granted is \$10,000. Each scholarship is a one-time amount granted for a one-year period. Funds are paid directly to the child care program on your behalf.

Why does the scholarship get paid to the provider?

The scholarship can only be used directly by the provider to offset expenses incurred by your enrollment in a child care program for regular and customary tuition fees. The individual child care program will decide if there are family co-pays or activity fees. This amount cannot be dispersed across multiple children and cannot be used for any other purpose such as supplemental income.



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What if I have more than one child?

Each participating child care program is able to offer up to six scholarships while funding lasts, so it is possible to apply for more than one scholarship if you have more than one child.

How soon after applying will I hear back?

Once your application has been submitted by the provider of your choice, you will be notified by email of whether or not you have been approved within 3-5 business days.

What happens if I change child care programs?

The scholarship stays with the provider to which it was initially granted and is not transferable.

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



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