

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 145% - 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. The chart below is available to determine income eligibility.

*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)	145% FPL	300% FPL
1	\$14,580	\$21,141.00	\$43,740
2	\$19,720	\$28,594.00	\$59,160
3	\$24,860	\$36,047.00	\$74,580
4	\$30,000	\$43,500.00	\$90,000
5	\$35,140	\$50,953.00	\$105,420
6	\$40,280	\$58,406.00	\$120,840
7	\$45,420	\$65,859.00	\$136,260
8	\$50,560	\$73,312.00	\$151,680

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.

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 if your child care provider becomes unlicensed or you move to a provider not located in Franklin County.

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](http://www.actionforchildren.org) 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, and proof of your child's age. Verification can include:

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

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 \$9,000. 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.

What if I have more than one child?

Each child needs its own application, but as long as the child care program has slots available you are able to submit applications for children of the same family. Child care centers can have up to 10 active scholarships and family child care providers can have up to 6.

How soon after applying will I hear back?

Once your application has been submitted by the provider of your choice, and you have completed your income verification section, 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?

If you are transferring you must contact Action of Children immediately via RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org to communicate the decision. Payments will begin with the first full month following enrollment at the new child care program. If a family unenrolls from their scholarship provider without prior communication to Action for Children, funds may not be available, and could be reassigned to another scholarship recipient.

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