

Child Care Scholarships: Child Care Programs

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

Children must be between the ages of birth to Kindergarten. The scholarship will end on the child's first day of Kindergarten.

*If you are already receiving PFCC or related funding (such as from Child Care Aware or a similar program), you 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.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

The application is completely online. Visit www.actionforchildren.org and click on the Franklin County RISE program.

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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 company tuition fee schedule
- Requested amount of scholarship (up to \$9,000 for 12 months)

How much money will be credited towards the family's 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 the family's behalf.

How many scholarships can I apply for?

Each participating child care center is able to offer up to ten scholarships, and family child care programs are 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, and needs their own separate application.

How soon after applying will I hear back?

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

When do payments begin?

Payments will begin with the first full month of enrollment following approval. The monthly enrollment verification form must be turned in each month before the deadline in order to receive payment.

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

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 receive a monthly email towards the beginning of each month which an attached form. You will need to complete this form, each month, and email to RISE@actionforchildren.org.

Do not complete the form in advance. This can cause problems with accurate information being provided each month, and can lead to incorrect disbursements of payments.

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What happens if I do not turn in my monthly verification in time?

Send in the form as quickly as realized, and we will communicate when payment can be expected. Send the form to RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org.

Incentive Awards: Child Care Programs

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.

What incentives are available?

There are three incentives currently available that have the goal of increasing quality and access throughout Franklin County. For work to be eligible it must take place between December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024.

- An increase in a program's Step Up To Quality rating
- A new PFCC contract
- A provider newly offering and providing care during nontraditional hours (6pm – 6am and/or weekends)

When will this program be released?

This program will be released in January 2024, but eligibility begins December 1, 2023.

What information is needed to apply?

You will be required to provide:

- Proof of eligibility
- Functioning email
- Program License Number
- EIN or Social Security Number
- Account & Routing Numbers for Direct Deposit

When will I receive payment?

Payments are processed monthly on the 3rd Friday (counting full weeks) of the month. Your payment will be processed the first full month after your application is complete.

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