

## **Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (KAEChP)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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#### **What is the goal of the KAEChP Preschool Scholarship Program?**

KAEChP is working to empower families by providing the tools and resources needed to ensure that children enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive. To this end, KAEChP offers preschool tuition scholarships to families who would otherwise not be able to send their children to a high-quality preschool experience. Each family that participates in the program (referred to as a Family Partner) is also required to participate in the Parents as Teachers program. Together with the Parent Educator, KAEChP works to provide holistic support to the family by connecting families with resources or support they may need to meet basic needs and ensure the children are able to attend school ready to learn.

#### **How does a child qualify for a preschool scholarship?**

Qualification for the scholarship is based on income and number of people supported by that income in a household. Documentation will need to be provided regarding all sources of income.

The scholarship is a three-way partnership between the preschool program, the family, and KAEChP. All family partner's pay a portion of the tuition based on a sliding scale (see last page of FAQ document). The preschools KAEChP partners with agree to reduced tuition and KAEChP provides the funding for the remainder of the fees.

Note: Preference will be given to children one year prior to kindergarten, however, three year-olds will be placed if space and funding allow.

#### **How does a family apply to be a Family Partner (receive a scholarship)?**

Applications can be submitted via a link on our website (<https://www.kaechp.org>). If a family needs a paper application, a request for the application can be made by emailing [kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise@gmail.com](mailto:kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise@gmail.com) or by calling 314.961.3233 and leaving a voice mail with your request and the address you would like the application materials mailed to. Some of our partners may also have paper applications (Parents as Teachers, preschool offices, Kirkwood School District staff) and may refer families as they see fit.

Once the application is received, a staff member will reach out to the family within two weeks to determine if the family is eligible, what documentation is still needed, and to discuss which preschool programs may be a good fit. KAEChP staff will make referrals to programs based on the family's needs and preferences and preschool availability. It is the family's responsibility to contact the program, interview or tour as they see fit, and to submit all application materials. Preschool programs have the right to accept or refuse a family's admission based on their criteria. If the family is accepted, the program will notify KAEChP and confirmation paperwork will be submitted to the school and the family. Families must agree to the rules and the regulations of the scholarship and submit agreement in writing prior to funds being disbursed. Once the agreement is made, KAEChP will pay the school directly and the family will set up payment for their portion with the school as well.

### **How is KAEChP measuring the impact of the program?**

KAEChP is using the Individual Growth & Development assessment and parent and program surveys to determine effectiveness of the program.

### **Preschool Program Information:**

#### **How can my preschool program apply to partner with KAEChP?**

If a preschool program is interested in partnering with KAEChP, the Preschool Director can email [kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise@gmail.com](mailto:kirkwoodareaeverychildpromise@gmail.com) to request application materials be sent. KAEChP will ask the school to submit documentation about the preschool program to help determine fit with KAEChP. KAEChP partners with a mix of programs with a variety of curricula and delivery methods in order to best meet the needs of all families. All programs who apply should be interested in high quality programming, should share KAEChP's commitment to access to early childhood education for all, and should be willing to submit an application and conduct a self-assessment.

#### **How do preschool programs benefit?**

Participating programs will be able to access program improvement professional development opportunities provided through KAEChP. KAEChP will also assist in the recruitment of families and can assist in filling empty spots programs may have. Finally, programs will help create a community where all children are given the tools they need to enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive.

#### **How does the preschool program collect scholarship funding?**

A monthly amount will be determined upon confirmation of the scholarship. Schools will receive a check in the amount of the scholarship within the first 10 days of each month that the child is enrolled.

#### **What if the preschool program decides that this partnership isn't right for their school?**

Programs who agree to participate will be asked to participate in one-year blocks. Schools should notify the Project Manager for KAEChP as soon as possible after the decision is made to not participate in the program.

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### Qualifying Income Levels for Financial Assistance

Based on a 2.5-4 Hour Day (Fee doubled for any session over 4 hours)

Family Size	\$1.00/ Day  Federal Poverty Level	\$2.00/ Day Free Lunch 130% of Poverty Level	\$3.00/ Day Reduced Lunch 185% of Poverty Level	\$4.00/ Day 200% of Poverty Level	\$5.00/ Day 215% of Poverty Level	\$6.00/ Day 230% of Poverty Level	\$7.00/ Day 240% of Poverty Level	\$8.00/ Day 260% of Poverty Level
1	12,760	16,588	23,606	25,520	27,434	29,348	30,624	33,176
2	17,240	22,412	31,894	34,480	37,066	39,652	41,376	44,824
3	21,720	28,236	40,182	43,440	46,698	49,956	52,128	56,472
4	26,200	34,060	48,470	52,400	56,330	60,260	62,880	68,120
5	30,680	39,884	56,758	61,360	65,962	70,564	73,632	79,768
6	35,160	45,708	65,046	70,320	75,594	80,868	84,384	91,416
7	39,640	51,532	73,334	79,280	85,226	91,172	95,136	103,064
8	44,120	57,356	81,622	88,240	94,858	101,476	105,888	114,712
For each addition alperson , add this amount:	4,480	5, 824	8,288	8,960	9,632	10,304	10,752	11,648

\*If your income falls below the minimum level listed on the chart above, you will be responsible for paying a co-pay of \$1.00 per child per day for half day Programming (doubled for full day programming).