

## APPLICATION PROCESSING

Applications are awarded on a first come first served basis and accepted throughout the year until funding is exhausted. Approved applications will be reimbursed starting the first full month after a complete application and all supplemental documents are received by our office. Approved and complete applications received by the fifteenth day of the month by 4:30 PM will be funded for that month. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at the address provided below.

If approved, a contract will be mailed and is required to be signed and returned to our office to activate the scholarship. Your provider will not receive notice of your application status and cannot be paid until a signed contract is received by our office.

Incomplete applications may delay your funding start date. You will be notified of your application status by mail and may be contacted for additional materials. Depending on the NI Children's Alliance office's processing time, funding will be backdated to the first full month after we have received your application.

Incomplete applications and unsigned contracts can be terminated if 2 months' time has passed since additional information was requested or the contract was sent.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding your application or change providers throughout your contract.

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# Preschool Scholarships 2021-2022



Provided by:  
Cerro Gordo, Hancock, and  
Worth Early Childhood Iowa  
Area

“Working together so Every  
Child is Happy, Healthy and  
Ready to Learn”

## Preschool Scholarships

(for children ages 3-5 years old)

Preschool assistance is available for up to \$165 for 0%-100% of poverty and \$145 for 100%-200% of poverty per month per child attending preschool. A maximum of \$1,485/school year per child can be awarded. Parents with a household income between 100%-200% poverty are responsible for \$20 of the monthly tuition each month. An invoice, which you must sign, is submitted each month from the preschool provider and payment is made directly to that provider. Parents or caregivers are responsible for any remaining amount due.

### ELIGIBILITY

TO QUALIFY FOR PRESCHOOL ASSISTANCE, YOU MUST:

- Use a licensed preschool provider
- Be a resident of Cerro Gordo, Hancock, or Worth County
- Have a child or children age 3 to under 6 years old
- The qualifying child is not eligible for kindergarten, head start, or there are no openings available
- Have a gross family income that falls under the income guidelines (See the “Income Guidelines” chart)
- Pay each month of your remaining preschool costs not covered by this scholarship
- Not be receiving preschool assistance from any *other* source
- **Be paying preschool cost separate from Childcare (Childcare including preschool is not eligible)**

*Note: Receiving free or reduced preschool reimbursement through your employer is considered other preschool assistance.*

### INCOME GUIDELINES:

To know if you meet financial requirements, and if you need to pay a parent portion, please look for the number of members in your family and the corresponding gross annual income (income before deductions or taxes) in the chart below.

#### Federal Income Guidelines 100% to 200%

Parents are responsible for paying \$20 each month Up to \$145 per month of the remaining tuition will be paid for the preschool scholarship.

Family Size	Gross Annual Income
2	\$17,421 to \$34,840
3	\$21,961 to \$43,920
4	\$26,501 to \$53,000
5	\$31,041 to \$62,080
6	\$35,581 to \$71,160
7	\$40,121 to \$80,240
8	\$44,661 to \$89,320

Your family's total gross income must be the same or less than the highest amount allowed for the \$145 scholarship.

#### Federal Income Guidelines 0% to 100%

Up to \$165 per month will be paid for the preschool scholarship.

Family Size	Gross Annual Income
2	\$0 to \$17,420
3	\$0 to \$21,960
4	\$0 to \$26,500
5	\$0 to \$31,040
6	\$0 to \$35,580
7	\$0 to \$40,120
8	\$0 to \$44,660

Your family's total gross income must fall in the guidelines above to be eligible for the \$165 scholarship.

