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TO: Preschool Parent

FROM: Preschool Enrichment Project

DATE: February 5, 2024

4Rkids Early Childhood Iowa offers preschool scholarships to Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County children whose families meet income guidelines. Our program is offered through funding provided by the State of Iowa. The purpose of this funding is to increase school readiness of our children by increasing access to quality preschool programs.

2024/2025 Preschool Tuition Assistance/Scholarship Guidelines

- Children must reside in the service area.
- Children must have turned three by September 15, 2024, to be eligible.
- 4-year-olds must enroll in at least ten hours of programming per week at a cooperating preschool which meets quality standards.
- Eligibility is based on family size and gross annual income. A sliding scale is used to determine the amount of the award. The maximum award, based on ten hours of programming, will not exceed 90% of the tuition or \$225 per month. The family is responsible for the difference in tuition and for any enrollment or late fees, or withdrawing without paying fees owed to the program. **Program reimbursement is for a half-day rate.**
- The award will remain in place until the end of the school year if the child's attendance is 90% or above. The preschool provider will notify you if your child falls below 90%. (On-going attendance problems may result in loss of the scholarship.)
- Children eligible to enroll in a state and/or federally funded program (Head Start, Shared Visions) must participate in that program before being able to apply for this scholarship. Statewide Voluntary Preschool will be encouraged to be filled before providing preschool tuition assistance. ***If other assistance is available through a preschool, agency, or business, the lowest tuition rate will be utilized.***
- If you are applying for more than one child in your family, a separate application must be submitted for each child.
- If the child switches preschools, the funds will follow the child if the preschool meets the scholarship program guidelines.
- Notify preschool enrichment project when there is a change in income, contact information.
- Responsibility for registration fees, co-pays, and late fees.

Final decisions rest ultimately with the 4Rkids Early Childhood Iowa Board. Payments will be made directly to the preschool on behalf of the family. Funding is contingent upon state award and contract. **Applications will be processed after July 1, 2024, pending state funding and local contract award.** Families will be notified of the award at that time.

If you have questions concerning the 4Rkids Preschool Scholarship program, please contact:

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Serving families in Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County

2024-2025

Preschool Tuition Assistance Application

Funds will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis

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Child's Name: _____ Child's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Child's Gender: Male Female Class: 3 yr. old 4 yr. old 5 yr. old

Ethnicity of Child: Hispanic /Latino Not Hispanic/Latino

Child's Race: (Please check all that apply) Black/ African American Alaskan Native or American Indian

Asian Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Multiracial White

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Head of Household: _____ Parent Foster Parent Guardian

Marital Status Head of Household

Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed Partnered

Head of Household Educational Level (Please check highest level) Middle school or lower Some High School High School

Diploma/ HiSET Some college Trade/Vocational Training 2-year college degree 4- Year College Degree

Master 's Degree or higher

Mailing Address (if different than above) _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

County: Adair Dallas Madison Warren

Method of Communication Email (please print): _____

Has your child attended preschool in the past? Yes No If yes, which Preschool? _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Are you expecting? Due Date _____ Speak English

2023 adjusted gross income (line 11 on 1040) \$ _____

Number in household: Adults: ____ Dependent Children: ____ Ages of Children: _____ Total household size: _____

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

To verify your eligibility for the tuition assistance program we ask that you authorize the preschool tuition scholarship

I, _____, authorize the preschool tuition scholarship committee to contact organizations to verify that we qualified for any assistance programs. There may be an exchange of information between the 4Rkids Early Childhood Iowa Board and its funded programs, the applicable preschool, and the referral source to accommodate the processing of this application for your family. This may contain copies of IEP, social and family history, school records and educational assessments.

Signature _____ Date _____

Guidelines:

The scholarships are for families living in *Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren* County who are *not* eligible for tuition scholarships through other programs. Early Childhood Iowa scholarships are not to replace other funding. Applications will be accepted until budgeted funds are expended.

- Preschools must meet the guidelines set by the 4Rkid’s Early Childhood Iowa Board to receive funds.
- Parents are expected to pay a portion of the child’s tuition based on a *sliding fee scale*. Tuition scholarships are confidential between the preschool enrichment coordinator, the family, and the preschool. Parents are responsible for co-payment directly to the program. If the co-payment is not paid, the non-payment preschool policy will be enforced.
- The scholarship application must be received by ISU Extension and Outreach – Dallas County *by the 15th of the month* for tuition to be considered for that month of service.
- The family and the preschool will be notified of the outcome of the application.
- Children in foster care are automatically eligible for tuition assistance at 90%. An application must be submitted; however, no income verification is required.
- *Scholarships do not pay for wrap-around childcare, meals, or transportation.* Scholarship coverage September- May.

Sliding Fee Scale - Income Eligibility Guidelines: *

* Guidelines are based on the 2024 Poverty Guidelines

Family Size	90% Tuition Scholarship	80% Tuition Scholarship	70% Tuition Scholarship	60% Tuition Scholarship
2	\$20,440 - \$25,550	\$25,551 - \$30,660	\$30,661 - \$35,770	\$35,771 - \$45,990
3	\$25,820 - \$32,275	\$32,276 - \$38,730	\$38,731 - \$45,185	\$45,186 - \$58,095
4	\$31,200 - \$39,000	\$39,001 - \$46,800	\$46,801 - \$54,600	\$54,601 - \$70,200
5	\$36,580 - \$45,275	\$45,276 - \$54,870	\$54,871 - \$64,015	\$64,016 - \$82,305
6	\$41,960 - \$52,450	\$52,451 - \$62,940	\$62,941 - \$73,430	\$73,431 - \$94,410
7	\$47,340 - \$59,175	\$59,176 - \$71,010	\$71,011 - \$82,845	\$82,846 - \$106,515
8	\$52,720 - \$65,900	\$65,901 - \$79,080	\$79,081 - \$92,260	\$92,261 - \$118,620

Programs in which your family participates (check all that apply):

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> WIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIP | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal Child Health Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents as Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> New Parent Program (LSI) |

Other: Please specify _____

Which describes your child’s health coverage (check one)?

- Private
 Hawk-I
 Amerigroup
 Iowa Total Care
 Molina
 No Insurance

A copy of Page 1 of your 2023 Federal Income Tax form must be provided to verify this income figure. If income is not reflective of your current financial situation, a second priority of income verification can be submitted (examples: copies of prior month's unemployment benefits, FIP Notice of Decision benefit, and/or most recent month's paystubs).

Additional Considerations:

Does your 2023 tax return provide an accurate picture of your current financial situation? Yes No
If no, please explain special circumstances that make it difficult to pay tuition: _____

This information will be shared with 4Rkids Board who will make the final decision on eligibility.

Which preschool does your child attend or plan to attend if not currently enrolled?

First Choice:

Preschool name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Classroom enrolled (check one) 3-year 4 - year 5 -year

Monthly Tuition: \$ _____ Days and hours attending: _____

I have contacted this preschool and they have an opening for my child. Yes No

Second Choice:

Preschool name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Classroom enrolled (Check one) 3-year 4-year 5 -year

Monthly Tuition: \$ _____ Days and hours attending: _____

I understand that any amount of tuition scholarship monies received will go directly to the preschool my child is attending. The director will be responsible to submit a monthly statement and will track my child's attendance to remain eligible for tuition assistance. It is expected that my child's preschool attendance will be 90%. If attendance does not meet 90% and absences are unexcused (examples of excused absences: child illness, family crisis), the preschool program director will talk with me. On-going attendance problems may result in the loss of my preschool tuition scholarship. If the co-payment is not paid, the nonpayment preschool policy will be enforced.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Scan and Send completed application and a copy of your 2023 Federal Income Tax Return (page 1 only) as a pdf:

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