

## Fiscal Year 2024 Early Learning Scholarships

The Early Learning Scholarship Program awards scholarships to families with the highest needs who meet eligibility requirements. Maximum scholarship award amounts vary based on the Parent Aware Star Rating of the early childhood program serving the child, up to the limit (cap) of \$12,000-\$15,000, based on program type and Parent Aware rating, per scholarship year. The scholarship cap may be subject to increases and will be communicated if changes are made.

A family’s income must be equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level, per the chart below, or be participating in any of the following programs: free and reduced-price meals, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), Food Distribution on Indian Reservations, Head Start, Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), Supplemental Nutritional Aid Program (SNAP), or Foster Care.

Scholarships are prioritized to first meet the needs of children of teen parents, currently in foster care, in need of child protective services, or who have experienced homelessness in the last 24 months.

**The chart below is based on the poverty guidelines published in the Federal Register on January 12, 2023 and is valid for awards from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**

Family Size	Gross Income	Family Size	Gross Income
2	\$36,482	6	\$74,518
3	\$45,991	7	\$84,027
4	\$55,500	8	\$93,536
5	\$65,009	9**	\$103,045

\*\*For family units of more than nine members, add **\$9,509** for each additional member.

Scholarships are available to children who are age 3 or 4 years old on September 1 of the school year the scholarship is used, or age 5 if not yet aged out of eligibility. Some children ages 0 to 2 may also qualify if they meet a priority category or if they are the younger sibling of a child with an active scholarship award and are attending the same program. **Beginning January 1, 2024, age eligibility will expand to all children ages 0 to 4.**

Families interested in applying should contact their area or tribal administrator listed or call 1-888-291- 9811.

## Fiscal Year 2024 Early Learning Scholarship Administrator Offices

### [Tri-Valley Opportunity Council: 1-800-543-7382](#)

102 N Broadway, Crookston, MN, 56716, [kathryngunderson@tvoc.org](mailto:kathryngunderson@tvoc.org)

Region 1: Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

**Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership, Inc.: 218-632-3600**

311 Jefferson St S, Wadena, MN, 56482, [els@mahube.org](mailto:els@mahube.org)

Region 2: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen

Region 5: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena

**Northland Foundation: 218-260-2736**

202 W Superior St, Ste 800, Duluth, MN, 55802, [info@northlandfdn.org](mailto:info@northlandfdn.org)

Region 3: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Saint Louis

**Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership: 218-512-1592**

891 Belsly Blvd, Moorhead, MN, 56560, [els@caplp.org](mailto:els@caplp.org)

Region 4: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin

**Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc.: 1-800-292-5437**

719 N 7th St, Ste 302, Montevideo, MN, 56265, [tina.saue@prairiefive.org](mailto:tina.saue@prairiefive.org)

Region 6E: Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville

Region 6W: Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, Yellow Medicine

**Families First of Minnesota: 1-888-450-2773**

126 Woodlake Dr SE, Rochester, MN, 55904, [elsinfo@familiesfirstmn.org](mailto:elsinfo@familiesfirstmn.org)

Region 7E: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine

Region 9: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan

Region 10: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona

West Metro: Carver, Dakota, and Scott Counties

**Milestones (formerly Child Care Choices): 1-800-288-8549 or 320-251-5081**

314 10th Ave S, Ste 180, Waite Park, MN, 56387, [info@milestonesmn.org](mailto:info@milestonesmn.org)

Region 7W: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

**Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.: 1-800-658-2444**

1106 3rd Ave, Worthington, MN, 56187, [info@smoc.us](mailto:info@smoc.us)

Region 8: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock

**Think Small: 651-641-6604**

10 Yorkton Ct, St. Paul, MN, 55117, [info@thinksmall.org](mailto:info@thinksmall.org)

Metro Twin Cities: Hennepin and Ramsey Counties

**Anoka County Community Action Program: 763-783-4711**

1201 89th Ave NE, Ste 345, Blaine, MN, 55434, [accap@accap.org](mailto:accap@accap.org)

East Metro: Anoka and Washington Counties

**Administrators: Tribal**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa – Child Care Services: 1-800-551-0969**

6530 US 2 NW, Cass Lake, MN, 56633, [tonya.morris@llojibwe.net](mailto:tonya.morris@llojibwe.net)

**White Earth Reservation – Child Care/Early Childhood Programs: 1-800-950-3248**

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