

Early Learning Scholarship Program Parent Eligibility Information

Eligibility requirements for Parents and Families:

Douglas County families interested in applying for the Early Learning Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Children between the ages of 6 weeks – 6 years (Pre-Kindergarten).
- Children enrolled on a full day/full year (full-time) basis or attending based on extended day needs, wrapping hours around a publicly funded program (i.e. Head Start, public preschool).
- Parents must be either working or attending school. Or caregiver is incapacitated and unable to work or attend school, yet unable to care for the wellbeing of the child.
- Families must show a financial need and fall within the set income guidelines.
- Tuition assistance funds could be used to assist a family with a portion of their family fee obligation when on the DHHS childcare subsidy sliding fee scale.

Families/Children Expectations:

- Complete all sections of the Early Learning Scholarship Application for tuition assistance
- Submit three most recent paystubs for each working adult in the household
 - When a family has no income to document, that family must submit a signed statement declaring that they have no income.
- Submit a copy of childcare subsidy determination letter
- Fall into outlined income guidelines for under 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines (proof of income for all working adults in the household)

Parent(s) **must agree** to the expectations from the Early Learning Scholarship in order to receive tuition assistance.

Applications are accepted each August.

Interested, eligible providers should contact Shelina Williams
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