



2018 and 2019 Early Learning Scholarships

The Early Learning Scholarship program awards scholarships of up to \$7,500 to high-need families meeting eligibility requirements. 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 lunch, 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 a 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 FY2018 poverty guidelines published in the Federal Register on January 18, 2018.

| Family Size | Gross Income | Family Size | Gross Income |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2 | \$30,451 | 6 | \$62,419 |
| 3 | \$38,443 | 7 | \$70,411 |
| 4 | \$46,435 | 8 | \$78,403 |
| 5 | \$54,427 | 9 | \$86,395 |

For family units of more than nine members, add \$7,992 for each additional member.

Scholarships are available to children who are 3 or 4 years old by September 1 of the school year the scholarship is used. Some children ages 0 to 2 may also qualify if they meet a high priority category.

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

2018 and 2019 Early Learning Scholarship Administrator Offices

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council: 1-800-543-7382

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

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

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

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

Northland Foundation: 1-800-433-4045

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

Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership: 800-452-3646 or 218-512-1584

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

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

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

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

Region 7W: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

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

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

Think Small: 651-641-6604

Metro Twin Cities: Hennepin and Ramsey Counties

Anoka County Community Action Program: 763-783-4711

East Metro: Anoka and Washington Counties

Administrators: Tribal

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

White Earth Reservation – Child Care/Early Childhood Programs: 1-800-433-404