



## 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 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: 1-800-950-3248