

## Early Learning Scholarships - Child Eligibility

To qualify for a Pathway I Early Learning Scholarship, you must be the parent, legal guardian or agency worker of the child(ren) and your family must meet the following requirements.

**Note: Applications for children in foster care must be signed and submitted by the agency worker.**

### 1. Location

You must have a Minnesota home address in order to be eligible for a scholarship.

### 2. Income

To qualify for Early Learning Scholarship, a family must document a family income equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Provide proof that your child currently participates in at least one of the following programs:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRLP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Food Support (SNAP)
- Head Start
- Foster Care

**OR**

Provide documentation that your family income equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

**The chart below is based on FY2017 poverty guidelines published in the Federal Register on January 31, 2017**

Family Size	Gross Income	Family Size	Gross Income
2	\$30,044	6	\$60,976
3	\$37,777	7	\$68,709
4	\$45,510	8	\$76,442
5	\$53,243	9	\$84,175

For family units of more than eight members, add \$7,733 for each additional member.

Household members include all people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. The applicant must include themselves and all children who live with them. Households do not include other people who are economically independent, such as a roommate.

### **3. Child**

You must be the parent, legal guardian or agency worker and the family must have:

A child who is age 3 or 4 by September 1, 2017, and who is not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

**OR**

A child who is birth to two-years-old and in foster care, in need of child protective services (may require referral), or has experienced homelessness in the last 24 months.

**OR**

A child who is birth-to-two of a parent under the age of 21 who is pursuing a high school or general education equivalency diploma (GED). You must provide written proof that you are pursuing a high school diploma or GED. Written proof means a copy of an official letter (on letterhead) from the organization you are currently attending. Income requirements apply.

**OR**

A younger sibling may be eligible for a scholarship if they attend the same program as their three-to-four year old sibling that has a scholarship as long as funds are available. Sibling is defined as a child who shares one or both parents through blood, marriage or adoption, including siblings as defined by the child's tribal code or custom.