

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME VERIFICATION FORM

### Frequently Asked Questions

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for beginning the process of determining if your child is eligible to attend the state-funded preschool program. The state-funded preschool program is an intervention program provided to families who meet income eligibility guidelines and/or whose child is identified with a developmental delay or disability. Each family wishing for their child to attend the state-funded preschool program must complete a household and income form.

1. **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
2. **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
3. **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
4. **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before s/he was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
5. **WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN I PROVIDE TO VERIFY MY INCOME?** Individual Income Tax Form 1040, W-2 forms, pay stubs dated within the last month, written statements from employers, or documentation showing current status of recipients of public assistance.

#### **What Are Acceptable Documents for Proof of Income?**

**Jobs:** Paycheck stub or pay envelope that shows the amount and how often pay is received; letter from employer stating gross wages and how often they are paid; or business or farming papers, such as ledger or tax books.

**Social Security, Pensions, or Retirement:** Social Security retirement benefit letter, statement of benefits received, or pension award notice.

**Unemployment, Disability, or Worker's Comp:** Notice of eligibility from State employment security office, check stub, or letter from Worker's Compensation.

**Welfare Payments:** Benefit letter from welfare agency.

**Child Support or Alimony:** Court decree, agreement, or copies of checks received.

**Other income (such as rental income):** Information that shows the amount of income received, how often it is received, and the date received.

**What if the child is a Foster Child?** Send us official documentation from the agency sponsoring the child.

**No income:** A brief note explaining how you provide food, clothing and housing for your household, and when you expect an income.

Please note: This application assists in determining if your child qualifies for preschool and does not guarantee free or reduced lunch for your child. If your child qualifies for preschool, a current school-year lunch application will need to be completed and returned to determine the final lunch status of your child.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

**Part 1:** All Household Members (a household member is any child or adult living with you): All applicants should complete this part. List the name of each household member, the name of the school each child attends, and the child's grade. If the child is a foster child, check the box for foster child. If a household member has no income, check the box for no income. All household members, including foster children, should be included here. If you need additional space, attach a separate piece of paper.

If your child is **HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR A RUNAWAY**, follow these instructions.

**Part 2:** Check the appropriate category.

**Part 3:** Skip this part.

**Part 4:** Sign the form.

If you have **FOSTER CHILD(REN) ONLY**, follow these instructions. You do **not** need to fill out a separate form for each foster child in your household. (If there are both foster children and non-foster children in your household, follow the instructions below for All Other Households).

If **all** children in the household are marked as foster children in Part 1:

**Part 2:** Skip this part.

**Part 3:** Skip this part.

**Part 4:** Sign the form.

**ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS**, including WIC households, households with non-foster children and households with both foster children and non-foster children, follow these instructions:

**Part 2:** Skip this part.

**Part 3:** Follow these instructions to report total household income from **this month or last month**.

- **Section 1—Name:** List all household members who have income.
- **Section 2—Gross Income and How Often It Was Received:** List the income for each household member. Check the box to tell us how often the person receives the income—weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.
  - **Earnings from work:** List the **gross income**, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned *before* taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Net income should *only* be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.
  - **Welfare, Child Support, Alimony:** List the amount each person receives, and check the box to tell us how often.
  - **Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits.** List the amount each person receives and check the box to tell us how often they receive it.
  - **All Other Income:** List Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income received weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include income from KTAP, SNAP, WIC, federal education benefits and foster payments received by your family from the placing agency.
  - If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

**Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form. Please include your address and phone number in the event the Preschool Coordinator has a question about your information.



## HOUSEHOLD AND INCOME FORM

The State-Funded Preschool Program is available to children who are **4 years old on or before August 1** and whose family income is 160% poverty or less; and, the program is available to children who are 3 or 4 years old with an identified disability. To determine income eligibility, please complete, sign and **return this application to the Preschool Office at the Kenton County Board of Education.**

### PART 1. ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Names of <u>all</u> people living in your household (First, Middle Initial, Last)	School the child attends, or indicate "NA" if household member is not in school	Grade Level	Check if a foster child (legal responsibility of welfare agency or court) If all children listed below are foster children, <b>skip to Part 4</b> to sign this form.	Check if NO income
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### PART 2. HOMELESS, MIGRANT, RUNAWAY STATUS

If any child you are applying for is HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR A RUNAWAY, check the appropriate box.

HOMELESS ☐ MIGRANT ☐ RUNAWAY ☐

**PART 3. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME** (before deductions). List all income on the same line as the person who receives it. Check the box for how often it is received. RECORD EACH INCOME ONLY ONCE.

1. NAME (List only household members with income)	2. GROSS INCOME AND HOW OFTEN IT WAS RECEIVED															
	Earnings from work before deductions.	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Welfare, child support, alimony	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	All Other Income (indicate frequency, such as "weekly" "every 2 weeks", "monthly")
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**Household and Income Form for Preschool Eligibility**

Household and Income Data

School Year 2023-2024

**PART 4. SIGNATURE (ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER MUST SIGN)**

An adult household member must sign the form.

*I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get state and federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my child(ren) may lose benefits.*

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Notice**

The Kentucky Department of Education is requiring schools to collect the information on this form. You do not have to give this information, but if you do not, we cannot determine your child's eligibility for additional benefits under state and federal programs. We will hold the information you provide us as private and confidential to the extent required by law. However, we will share your socioeconomic status with various state and federal programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them review violations of program rules.

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**CHECKLIST**

- Have you included all your children as household members?
- For each household member receiving income, is the frequency checkbox checked?
- Have you signed the application?

**DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY.**

*Annual Income Conversion:* Weekly x 52; Every 2 Weeks x 26; Twice A Month x 24; Monthly x 12

Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Per: ☐ Week ☐ Every 2 Weeks ☐ Twice A Month ☐ Month ☐ Year Household size: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility: 160% poverty\_\_\_ Special Education\_\_\_ Head Start \_\_\_ Over Income \_\_\_

Reason (160% poverty; Special Education; Head Start (if applicable); Over Income): \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_