

# Preschool Scholarship FAQ?

## How do scholarships work?

There are two scholarships that families can apply for, one with funds coming from the state and the other state funds that are issued by our school. Here's a quick breakdown of the two scholarships.

### State scholarship

Students who qualify will receive at least \$15,000 which can be used for preschool and YMCA extended care tuition.

State scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be 3 years old to apply. Contact [familiesfirstmn.org](http://familiesfirstmn.org) directly or call 507-287-2020.

### School scholarship

Students who qualify will receive tuition assistance for 2, 3, 4 or 5 half day preschool programs. School scholarships cannot be used toward YMCA extended care tuition.

School scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, starting after July 1. Applications available from our school after May 1.

## Who can apply for a scholarship?

To be eligible for an Early Learning scholarship, families must have a child who is 3 or 4 years old by September 1 of the current school year and not yet eligible for kindergarten. A family must have an annual income at or below the income guidelines in the chart below to apply for a scholarship.

## I'm currently receiving a scholarship, do I have to reapply?

Yes, Current 3-year olds enrolled in the 2024-25 Stepping Stones Preschool who received a scholarship will need to fill out a **renewal application** to continue receiving a scholarship for the same child as a 4-year old in the 2025-26 Stepping Stones Preschool. These families will also need to register for 4-year old preschool in the Eleyo registration system and pay the \$80 non-refundable registration fee.

Please contact Elaine at 952-496-5861 or [eberens@shakopee.k12.mn.us](mailto:eberens@shakopee.k12.mn.us) for specific information on how to apply for an Early Learning Scholarships.

*Families that are over the income guideline but are experiencing a family hardship can contact Elaine for an alternative scholarship consideration.*

**Apply early.**

## 2025-2026 Income Guidelines – October 14, 2024 through October 2025.

Family Size	Annual Income before Taxes	Family Size	Annual Income before Taxes
2	\$44,006	6	\$85,423
3	\$54,360	7	\$87,365
4	\$64,714	8	\$89,306
5	\$75,068	9*	\$91,247

For family units of more than nine members, add approx. **\$1,941** for each *additional* member.

\*See Family Size of 9 as an example.