



GOOD START GRANTS

Helping eligible families pay for child care!

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The information below are simply guidelines and each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



Families must reside in one of the following areas:

- Marathon County or Portage County.
- Marshfield area including Arpin, Auburndale, Chili, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Neillsville, Pittsville, Spencer, or Stratford.
- Wisconsin Rapids area including Babcock, Nekoosa, Port Edwards, Rudolph, or Vesper.



Families gross monthly/yearly income must be below 350% of the federal poverty level (see below)

Family size	Per Month	Per Year
2	\$6,312	\$75,744
3	\$7,968	\$95,616
4	\$9,625	\$115,500
5	\$11,282	\$135,384

Family size	Per Month	Per Year
6	\$12,938	\$155,256
7	\$14,595	\$175,140
8	\$16,252	\$195,024
9	\$17,908	\$214,896

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Additional Requirements:

- Families that qualify for WI Shares are not eligible for weekly GSG.
- Families must participate in an approved activity, such as work and/or school.
- Families must attend a child care program rated 3 stars or higher in YoungStar.



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