



EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA

LAKES REGION

SERVING CLAY, DICKINSON, O'BRIEN, & OSCEOLA

2019-2020 Preschool Tuition Assistance

Dear Families,

Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region (ECI LR) is excited to offer preschool tuition assistance to families in Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, and Osceola counties. We strongly value the healthy development of our area children and want to support your family in any way possible.

Attached you will find the application for preschool tuition assistance. **Please complete ALL information requested and return as instructed on the application.** Missing information will result in a delay of the acceptance process, so please double check your documents before sending them. Thank you.

To be eligible for ECI LR tuition assistance, the following guidelines must be met:

- Your child must be age 3, 4, or 5 by September 15, 2019.
- Your family's gross annual income must be 200% or less of the federal poverty level. See chart below.
- Your child must attend a quality preschool program. Qualifying preschools include those that are participating in Quality Preschool Program Standards, have a Quality Ratings System score of 3 or higher, are involved in the Quality Rating Improvement System, are trained in and complete the Iowa Early Learning Standards, are accredited, or comply with Head Start standards.
- Your family must complete the Preschool Tuition Assistance Application
- If a Head Start, Shared Visions preschool, or state funded four year old preschool program is available in your area and your child is eligible, those need to be used first. ECI LR may provide funding when other funding is not available.
- Applications will be accepted through March 15, 2020 or until available funds are gone.
- Funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- Applications will be processed after July 1, 2019 depending on state funding and local contract awards. ECI LR will notify the family and the preschool when the application is accepted or denied.
- Tuition assistance will pay up to \$125 per month per child and can only pay the fee regularly charged by the preschool. This may not cover the full amount charged by the preschool.
- Preschool tuition assistance does not pay for wrap-around child care or meals.

Income guidelines:

Family Size	Maximum per year (gross income)	Family Size	Maximum per year (gross income)
2	\$33,820	6	\$69,180
3	\$42,660	7	\$78,020
4	\$51,500	8	\$86,860
5	\$60,340	For each additional person add	\$8,840

Please complete the attached application according to the instructions. Please provide all information requested to avoid a delay in processing the application. For more information or questions, please contact:

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