

## Income Guidelines

Preschool Scholarships follow the poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine eligibility. The guidelines are a simplification of the poverty thresholds for use for administrative purposes for instance, determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs. Below is the chart eligibility to be used of the 2020-2021 preschool year.

Health & Human Services Eligibility Guidelines 2020			
Size of Family	*100%	200%	300%
2	17,240	34,480	51,720
3	21,720	43,440	65,160
4	26,200	52,400	78,600
5	30,680	61,360	92,040
6	35,160	70,280	105,480
7	39,640	79,280	118,920
8	44,120	88,240	132,360
For families units more than 8 members, add, 4,480 to the 100%, 88,960 for 200% and 13,440 for 300% *Child may meet the income eligibility requirements for Head Start			

## Eligibility

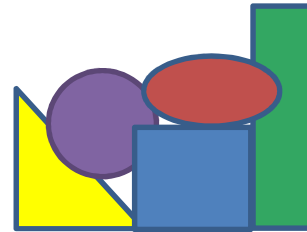
Preschool assistance is based on family income.

Payment of preschool scholarships will be made directly to the preschool the child attends. Reimbursements will start in September and end in May. If the scholarship does not cover the cost of tuition the parents will be responsible for any remaining amount due.

### To qualify for preschool assistance the following criteria must be met:

- Child must turn 3 or 4 years of age prior to September 15, 2020.
- Referrals will be made to Head Start for families at or below 100% of HHS Poverty Guidelines.
- Awards will be based on income eligibility, and serve 4 year old children & 200% HHS poverty first.
- Gross family income falls under HHS Poverty Guidelines of 300% if funding is available.
- Children attending a program that participates in the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) (State funds) may be eligible (wrap around/fee charged to parents).
- Goal is for children to have at least one preschool experience (this year).
- Attend a preschool provider that participates with the BVCS ECI Preschool Scholarship program.
- Scholarships are awarded based on need. Definition: those at the lowest income are considered a higher need.
- Complete and submit the application, **including proof of income**/Foster care.

## Preschool Scholarships 2020-2021



### Buena Vista, Crawford, Sac Early Childhood Iowa

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Scholarships are **dependent** upon funding **allocated** to Buena Vista, Crawford and Sac Counties Preschool Scholarship Program.

## Application Process

Approved applications are approved by the BVCS ECI office.

Incomplete applications may delay your funding start date.

Approved applications will be reimbursed starting in September and ending in May.

Approval notice will be sent to the parent and/or preschool identified on your preschool the child is attending in August.

### Quality Preschool Eligibility:

For a preschool to be eligible to participate in the scholarship program they must have one of the following:

- Quality Rating System, Level 3 Rating or higher;
- Quality Preschool Program Standard, Verification;
- National Association for the Education of Young Children, Accreditation;
- Follow Head Start Performance Standards;
- Preschool **must** charge a fee to parents;
- Have a signed agreement on file with BVCS Early Childhood Iowa.
- Use the Ages & Stages Questionnaire

**August 1 deadline, until funds are allocated.**  
**Scholarship limit is \$75.00 or \$200.00 per month.**

