

BooSt Together for Children ECI

Preschool Tuition Scholarship Guidelines for 2021-22

The BooSt Together for Children ECI Area Board has allocated funds to be used for preschool tuition scholarships during the 2021-2022 school-year.

Child and Family Eligibility

- Boone or Story County resident
- Children 3 or 4 years of age on September 15th (not eligible for Kindergarten)
 - 4 year old eligibility for children NOT receiving any other state or federal aid
- Families with incomes at or below 200% of the poverty level (see family application for income guidelines)
- Not to exceed \$245 per child per month for up to 9 months of preschool.
- ECI will not pay more than the preschool tuition charged by the participating program.

Preschool Program Eligibility

Preschool providers must meet the following criteria:

1. Use a comprehensive, research-based or evidence-based curriculum **and** a systematic child assessment addressing all areas of child development using a reliable, published tool. Examples of curricula choices are The Creative Curriculum for Preschool and High Scope Curriculum. Examples of assessment tools include, but are not limited to, Creative Curriculum Gold and High Scope.
2. Preschool providers must meet at least **one** of the following standards criteria (applicants must provide appropriate documentation to verify):
 - Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
 - Meets the Head Start Program Performance Standards;
 - Verified, or paperwork submitted for self-verification status to the Iowa Department of Education, for Iowa’s Quality Preschool Program Standards (QPPS);
 - Achieved or has applied for Level 2 or higher on Iowa’s Quality Rating System (QRS)

Sliding Fee Scale - Income Eligibility Guidelines:*

*** Guidelines are based on the 2020 Poverty Guidelines that were updated in January 22, 2020.**

Additional Person \$4,800

Family Size	100% Tuition Scholarship	90% Tuition Scholarship			80% Tuition Scholarship		
		Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
2	\$34,840	\$34,841	\$38,640	\$38,641	\$41,640		
3	\$43,920	\$44,080	\$52,260	\$52,300	\$56,640		
4	\$53,000	\$57,808	\$60,880	\$61,000	\$65,880		
5	\$62,080	\$63,000	\$71,650	\$74,300	\$79,050		
6	\$71,160	\$72,080	\$84,260	\$88,120	\$93,120		
7	\$80,240	\$81,000	\$97,000	\$98,800	\$106,740		
8	\$89,320	\$91,250	\$98,260	\$100,800	\$120,360		

Required Performance Measures

- ECI funds expended
 - Other funds invested to support preschool programming (listed by source)
 - Highest education level of lead teachers
 - Number of lead teachers with a valid practitioner's license issued by the Board of Educational Examiners and a preschool or kindergarten endorsement
 - For children who receive scholarship funds, report the following:
 - # who receive scholarship funds
 - # by age
 - # by race/ethnicity
 - # and % whose families are at or below 200% poverty level
 - # and % of referred to AEA for possible special education determination
 - # and % demonstrating age appropriate skills (identify assessment tool(s) used)
1. Submit six-month and year-end progress reports to the BooSt Together for Children ECI Board using the form provided by the ECI Coordinator.
 2. Demonstrate a commitment and ability to comply with all relevant state and federal laws, including all rules and policies associated with this request for funding.
 3. Scholarship funds will be distributed on a first come first serve basis to eligible preschool providers.
 4. If a preschool receives notice of award of other federal, state or local funding support for preschool services after entering into a contract with BooSt Together for Children ECI Area Board, the provider must notify the ECI Coordinator immediately and the contract funding award will be renegotiated.
 5. Funded providers are to invoice for services monthly.

Prohibited Use of Funds

1. Funds cannot be used to supplant other state and federal funds (e.g., Shared Visions, Head Start, Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year Old Children, state administered child care assistance for eligible families, etc.)
2. Wrap around child care.
3. Construction, renovation or land acquisition.
4. Payment of real estate mortgages or taxes; dues to organizations or federations; costs for social activities not related to the purpose of this program; costs related to political activity; interest costs, fines, penalties, law suits or legal fees; contingencies such as pending litigation possible liabilities, etc.; and contributions and donations.
5. Purchase of fixed assets such as automobiles, computer equipment, or fixtures unless such purchases have been specifically approved by the Board during or after the contract negotiation period of this grant award process.

Contracting Period

It is anticipated the contracting period would be from September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

2021-2022

Release of Information

I, _____, parent of _____,
(Parent name) (Child name)

give my permission to

_____ To
(Print preschool name)

release application information to BooSt Together for Children for the
purposes of verifying my child's eligibility for preschool.

(Signature)

(Date)

BooSt ECI Preschool Scholarship Family Application Form

Child's Name: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

Child Race/Ethnicity:

African American Asian Hispanic or Latino Native American or Alaskan Native
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White Multi Racial Other

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Family Address: _____ Phone: _____

Family Monthly Gross Income: _____ Number of People in Our Family: _____

Marital status of the Head of Household: _____ What education level have you completed? _____

The maximum scholarship amount for 2021-22 is \$150 per month.

The following apply to our family (place a check (✓) next to all that apply):

- We live in Boone or Story County.
- Our family **is not** receiving State Child Care Assistance or Promise Job Child Care Funding for this child.
- Our family's gross income meets the guidelines listed below. (Please circle number of persons your family or household in the table below. **To qualify your family income must be below the amount next to the circled #.**)

Circle # of persons in family or household	2021 income must be below this amount
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
For each additional person, add	\$9,080

- I understand that a voluntary declaration of income and number of persons in my family is necessary to make sure funds are directed to families least able to secure services from other sources. I understand that I/we may be required to verify my/our family's income. Failure to provide correct verification may result in our application being denied or current services being cancelled.
- I understand that any amount of tuition scholarship received will go directly to the preschool. The preschool will be responsible for submitting a monthly statement and will track my/our child's attendance to remain eligible for the tuition assistance. It is expected that my/our child's **attendance will be at least 90%**. If attendance does not meet 90% and my/our child's absences are unexcused (examples of excused absences include child illness, family crisis), then the preschool provider will talk with BooSt ECI. Ongoing attendance problems may result in the loss of preschool tuition scholarship assistance.
- I verify the above information is true.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Preschool Name and Address: _____

Assistance is on a first come first serve basis; return a signed application to your preschool ASAP!

