

## ABOUT US

WDI's Child Care Scholarship Program is dedicated to providing financial support to working families to help cover the high costs of child care.

Child care can be a significant expense for working families, in fact, the average cost of child care for a family with two children is more than \$30,000 per year. Our program is designed to help offset some of those costs and allow parents to spend on essential needs and investments that contribute to their family's well-being.

Income levels have increased significantly and more than 80% of those who complete an eligibility pre-screening qualify for child care assistance.

**Unlock a better future for your family, scan here to complete a free eligibility screening!**



**Child Care  
Scholarship  
Program**



## CONTACT US



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**Questions?** We are here to guide your family through the application process.



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**CRUCIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
FOR WORKING FAMILIES**



## SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ An average monthly scholarship of \$1,000 per child for full-time care is paid directly to a New York state certified child care provider on behalf of the eligible family.
- ★ Our program serves a diverse range of families within the middle-class income range, making quality child care accessible to more people than you might expect.
- ★ Applicants must be working or enrolled in any form of an educational or training program, for a minimum of 10 hours per week.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ★ Applicant completes the eligibility screening online.
- ★ If applicant income is below the minimum guidelines, the applicant may qualify for other NYS Child Care Assistance Programs. If so, the applicant will be connected to their county's programs.
- ★ If applicant meets eligibility criteria for the WDI Child Care Scholarship program, a Child Care Scholarship Program Counselor (CCSPC) is assigned and an application is sent directly to the applicant within one business day.
- ★ Applicant completes the application and returns it to the CCSPC with all the required documentation.
- ★ CCSPC reviews the application and notifies the applicant via email within 30 days regarding the status of the application.
- ★ Once approved, the family is notified of the scholarship start date and receives information regarding the monthly award and family responsibilities.
- ★ The provider will also receive an email from WDI with the start date of the scholarship, information regarding scholarship monthly award amounts and the process for invoicing WDI each month.
- ★ The applicant is responsible for paying the provider the amount not covered by the scholarship.
- ★ Families who receive the scholarship must recertify annually if funds are available.

## ELIGIBLE INCOME GUIDELINES

Family Size*	Minimum Income**	Maximum Income
2	\$77,226	\$84,600
3	\$95,396	\$106,600
4	\$113,567	\$128,600
5	\$131,738	\$150,600
6	\$149,909	\$172,600

*\*Family Size indicates the number of children under the age of 19 and parents living in the household.*

*\*\*If your income is below the scholarship's minimum, you may still be eligible for assistance through your local county social services. Visit our website for more information.*

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**Residency:** Applicants must reside in New York state, excluding the five boroughs of New York City.

**Age:** Children must be five years of age or younger.

**Work:** Each parent living in the household must work or be enrolled in an educational or training program for a minimum of 10 hours per week.

**Income:** Applicants' household income must fall within the eligible income guidelines.

## INCOME GUIDELINES

Effective June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026