

JMP ECI Preschool Scholarships and Child Care Assistance (CCA)

Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) scholarships may be issued once the local area has determined all other available funds have been utilized, primarily CCA. Per Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) guidance, the intention is to maximize the use of federal funds dedicated to eligible families who are seeking assistance with early learning care and preschool. Local area directors must determine whether a family meets the basic CCA eligibility requirements listed below. If it appears the household will not meet CCA eligibility, such as when one or both parents are not working the required hours or enrolled in full-time education/training, the ECI board may use the **Parent Attestation Form** to document these factors and avoid unnecessary CCA applications.

Child Care Assistance Eligibility:

You may be eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program if you:

- Live in Iowa
- Have a child under the age of 13 that needs care (or under the age of 19 if the child has special needs)
- Work or attend an approved training/education program an average of 32 hours a week (28 hours a week if the child has special needs)
- Are unable to work or attend training/education program because of an approved medical reason
- Can document household income equal to or less than 161% Federal Poverty Level

Persons in family or household	2026 poverty guidelines (100% of poverty)	125% of poverty	130% of poverty	145% of poverty	150% of poverty	160% of poverty
1	\$15,960.00	\$19,950.00	\$20,748.00	\$23,142.00	\$23,940.00	\$25,536.00
2	\$21,640.00	\$27,050.00	\$28,132.00	\$31,378.00	\$32,460.00	\$34,624.00
3	\$27,320.00	\$34,150.00	\$35,516.00	\$39,614.00	\$40,980.00	\$43,712.00
4	\$33,000.00	\$41,250.00	\$42,900.00	\$47,850.00	\$49,500.00	\$52,800.00
5	\$38,680.00	\$48,350.00	\$50,284.00	\$56,086.00	\$58,020.00	\$61,888.00
6	\$44,360.00	\$55,450.00	\$57,668.00	\$64,322.00	\$66,540.00	\$70,976.00
7	\$50,040.00	\$62,550.00	\$65,052.00	\$72,558.00	\$75,060.00	\$80,064.00
8	\$55,720.00	\$69,650.00	\$72,436.00	\$80,794.00	\$83,580.00	\$89,152.00

Need Help Understanding Eligibility?

[Child Care Assistance – Frequently Asked Questions for Family Eligibility](#)

Contact your local **Iowa Child Care Assistance office** or visit:

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/child-care>

Call: 1-866-448-4605

Link to online CCA Application: <http://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/clientportal/default.aspx>

Link to CCA Application: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/5181/download?inline>

JMP Preschool Scholarship Parent Attestation Form

- This form is intended to reduce paperwork for families that prove income less than 160% FPL but will likely not meet eligibility requirements for Child Care Assistance (CCA).
- Completing this form does not replace a formal scholarship application but may help prevent unnecessary CCA Applications.
- If at least one parent checks both of the boxes on the attestation, the household likely does not currently meet the basic eligibility criteria for Iowa's Child Care Assistance program and may be automatically denied if an application is submitted at this time.

Parent/guardian 1:

Name: _____

Please check any boxes that apply to this parent's current situation:

☐ Employment Requirement Not Met

This parent/guardian is currently not working OR working an average of less than 32 hours per week.

☐ Education/Training Requirement Not Met

This parent/guardian is not enrolled in a full-time education or training program.

Parent/guardian 2 (use N/A if there is not a second parent/guardian in the household):

Name: _____

Please check any boxes that apply to this parent's current situation (use N/A if there is not a second parent/guardian in the household):

☐ Employment Requirement Not Met

This parent/guardian is currently not working or working an average of less than 32 hours per week.

☐ Education/Training Requirement Not Met

This parent/guardian is not enrolled in a full-time education or training program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- The above information is correct
- This is not a CCA Application and if my circumstances change, I can fill out a CCA Application at any time.
- I have completed a JMP Scholarship form and will provide sufficient income documentation.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____