

## **Answering Your Scholarship Questions**

### **What is the Westchester County Child Care Scholarship?**

This scholarship helps to cover the costs for a year of full time child care or school age care. Scholarship funding is paid in monthly installments directly to the program or provider. To be eligible, parents must be employed full time, reside in Westchester County, and have their child/ren enrolled in a child care program regulated by the Office of Children and Family Services.

The Westchester County Child Care Scholarships are funded by Westchester County and administered by the Child Care Council of Westchester. Awards are based on household size, family income, age of the child and type of care being used.

### **Scholarship ranges are as follows:**

<b>Type of Care</b>	<b>Infant – Preschool</b>	<b>School Age</b>	<b>Award Increase for Each Additional Child in Regulated Care</b>
Licensed Center-Based Care	\$4,022 - \$5,700	\$3,537 - \$4,161	\$1,283 - \$1,625
Licensed Group Family Child Care	\$3,779 - \$4,845	\$2,971 - \$3,495	\$1,026 - \$1,368
Registered Family Child Care	\$3,460 - \$4,503	\$2,900 - \$3,412	\$ 963 - \$1,305
Registered School Age Program		\$3,537 - \$4,161	\$1,283

### **What are the income requirements for receiving a scholarship?**

Working parents residing in Westchester County whose income is within the ranges listed below are encouraged to apply:

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Income Range</b>
2	\$36,301 - \$43,560
3	\$42,331 - \$50,796
4	\$45,001 - \$54,000
5	\$52,651 - \$63,180
6	\$60,301 - \$72,360
7	\$67,951 - \$81,540

### **How long will I get the Westchester County Child Care Scholarship?**

This round of scholarships will be applied to your child's care from June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008 as long as your child remains enrolled in his/her OCFS regulated program.

### **Do both parents have to work to qualify for a scholarship?**

Yes. If there are two parents in a household then both parents must work full time. If there is one parent in the household, he or she must have full time employment. Consideration will be given to households where there is a disabled parent and child care makes it possible for a second parent to work full-time.

### **What determines who will receive a scholarship?**

The most important factors are family income and family size. Awards are made based on financial need. The amount of funding from Westchester County will also define the number of awards that are available.

***Current recipients of the Westchester County scholarship are not eligible for this round of scholarships. They will be notified directly when they will need to submit an application for the next round of scholarship funding.***

**How is family size defined?**

A family household consists of one or more parents and their dependent children who live in the same home. Grandparents, other family members and children over age 21 who live with the family are not included in determining family size.

**How do I apply for a Westchester County Child Care Scholarship?**

*To apply for a child care scholarship you must:*

1. Check with your current or potential child care program or provider to be sure they are an OCFS regulated program
2. Complete and sign the scholarship application
3. Make copies of required documents
  - a. 2006 Tax Return
  - b. Four consecutive weeks of your 2007 pay stubs
  - c. Four consecutive weeks of other parent's 2007 pay stubs, if residing in household
  - d. Proof of residency (phone, cable or rent bill with your name and address on it)
  - e. DSS denial letter, if received within the previous three months
4. Mail in the signed application with supporting documents by April 20, 2007 to:  
Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc.  
470 Mamaroneck Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605  
Att: Scholarships

**How does the Westchester County Child Care Scholarship work?**

Monthly payments are made directly to the OCFS regulated child care or school age program that your child attends. Check with your child care provider to see if it is an OCFS regulated program. You can receive a scholarship award for up to three of your children.

**When should I apply for a Westchester County Child Care Scholarship?**

Be sure to submit your applications and all the required documents so that they are received by the deadline of April 20, 2007. Sorry, but late applications will not be considered.

**What happens if my child starts at one child care program and transfers to another provider?**

No problem. Immediately notify the Child Care Council and we will arrange for the scholarship to be transferred to the new child care program as long as the program is OCFS regulated.

**Does child support count towards gross income?**

Yes. Child support received is included in family income.