

NEW! State Early Childhood Education Scholarship

The State Early Childhood Education (ECE) Scholarships give families financial support to help pay for high-quality early care and education to prepare their young children for school. The Minnesota Department of Education and Think Small are working together to finalize the new state scholarship application. Think Small is not processing scholarships at this time.

Once applications are available, Think Small will be doing intentional outreach to the community. Please regularly check the Think Small and the Minnesota Department of Education websites for the latest information. If you have questions about the State ECE Scholarships, please call 651-641-6604.

About State Early Learning Scholarships

The State Early Childhood Education (ECE) Scholarships give families financial support up to \$5,000 to help pay for high-quality early care and education to prepare their young children for school.

Who can be in the program?

- Families living in Itasca, St. Louis, Carlton, Scott, Washington, Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey or Dakota counties,
- Families with a child who is between the ages of 3 and 5 and not yet eligible for kindergarten, and
- Families who have an annual income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, based on 2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines chart. SEE INCOME CHART BELOW

Family Size	185% of FPG
2	\$28,694
3	\$36,131
4	\$43,568
5	\$51,005

What services will families receive?

- Information about choosing quality early care and education.
- Scholarship amounts will vary based upon the quality rating of the program

Interested families can call the Scholarship Information line at (651) 641-6604.