

Community Partnership Preschool Scholarship Application Due June 30

In an effort to provide valuable preschool experience to every child in the community, the Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition is offering preschool scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year.

Scholarship awards will be dependent on the amount of funding available in the Community Partnership Scholarship Fund at the beginning of the school year, and awards will not be finalized until GECLC receives an agreement form signed by the student's parent.

Funds are limited, and for this reason, families must complete this application in its entirety for their child to be considered for this preschool scholarship. This includes completely filling out the attached income verification information. Scholarship priorities will be given to children who are most in need of an early childhood education program. Information regarding scholarship priorities can be found below. Only students living in the Gothenburg School District are eligible for this scholarship.

Students eligible for this scholarship will meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Qualifies for free or reduced meals (application and guidelines included)
- Child has an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Child is in foster care
- Parents under 18 years of age at time of child's birth or have not completed high school
- Child's birth weight was under five pounds or was born prematurely (verified by physician)
- English is not the primary language spoken at home

Students who are awarded a scholarship are to be enrolled in a licensed, private preschool in Gothenburg by his/her parent(s) and the scholarship money will be paid directly to the preschool provider on the child's behalf. No scholarship will be awarded until the student's parent signs and returns the scholarship agreement sent with the award letter.

Completed applications should be mailed to or dropped off at the GECLC office, 1001 Lake Avenue, Gothenburg, NE 69138 or emailed to GECLC.coordinator@gmail.com.

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