

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Please help us spread the word. The Washington County Empowerment area is offering **PRE-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS** and transportation assistance to eligible children whose **families reside in Washington County** and are between the ages of 3 to 5 years.

Empowerment is a state incentive program designated to enhance the development and early educational experiences of young children. Preschool scholarships are available through Washington County Empowerment for the 2009-2010 school year. Scholarships are awarded based on income level and availability of funds. Scholarships are only available for preschool tuition of a licensed preschool or licensed childcare center with an approved preschool curriculum to increase access to quality early education. The family is responsible to pay any remaining balance of tuition to the preschool.

If you qualify for a scholarship, or know someone who might, please see your preschool teacher, school secretary or call Tasha Beghtol at Washington County Empowerment (319-461-1369) for the application form.

Preschool Scholarships are based on level of income. Income eligibility is based upon the size of your family and is similar to those used by your local school district for reduced lunch prices (please see the table below).

2008 Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family or household	2008 poverty guidelines (100% of poverty)	130% of poverty	145% of poverty	150% of poverty	185% of poverty	200% of poverty
1	\$10,400	\$13,520	\$15,080	\$15,600	\$19,240	\$20,800
2	14,000	18,200	20,300	21,000	25,900	28,000
3	17,600	22,880	25,520	26,400	32,560	35,200
4	21,200	27,560	30,740	31,800	39,220	42,400
5	24,800	32,240	35,960	37,200	45,880	49,600
6	28,400	36,920	41,180	42,600	52,540	56,800
7	32,000	41,600	46,400	48,000	59,200	64,000
8	35,600	46,280	51,620	53,400	65,860	71,200
For each additional person add	3,600	4,680	5,220	5,400	6,660	7,200

Applications are due August 7th, 2009 and should be mailed to:

Tasha Beghtol
Washington County Empowerment
110 N Iowa Ave, Ste 300
Washington, IA 52353

Award recipients will be notified by AUGUST 21, 2009

Washington County Empowerment Application for Preschool Scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 7, 2009

To apply for a preschool scholarship please carefully complete, sign and return the application to Tasha Beghtol at Washington County Empowerment, 110 N Iowa Ave, Suite 300, Washington IA 52353.

Application guidelines and requirements

- Complete applications must be received on or before August 7, 2009
 - Complete application includes:
 - All required information on application
 - Approved income verification (see section 3)
 - Parent/guardian signature
- If an application is reviewed and additional information is needed, applicants will have 30 days upon notification to submit additional information. After 30 days the application will expire.
- 4 & 5 year olds will receive priority over 3 year olds. Age is based on September 15th cutoff date. Example: A child who turns 4 years old on September 16th 2009 is considered a 3 year old for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - Additional consideration will be given to families who have more than one child attending preschool
 - A waiting list will be kept
- Eligible child(ren) must be enrolled in an approved preschool/center (see section 4)
- Scholarship amount is determined by the Washington Co Empowerment Program Committee and cannot exceed \$165 per month. If tuition cost is greater than \$165/mo, parent/guardian must make arrangements to pay balance to the preschool

All questions and concerns may be directed to Tasha Beghtol @ 319-461-1369
or by email at tbeghtol@washingtontyempowerment.org

WASHINGTON CO EMPOWERMENT - PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION ONE: CHILD INFORMATION

- Child's Name _____ Date of birth: _____
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- Preschool that child will be attending _____
- Parent/Guardian Name _____
- Home Address _____
- City _____ County _____
- Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
- Email _____
- Have you applied to Headstart? Yes _____ No _____
- Are you interested in transportation assistance? Yes _____ No _____
 - If you marked yes, transportation information will be sent to you along with your approval letter.

SECTION TWO: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

- LIST ALL** OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD**
 - **HOUSEHOLD refers to any person you are financially responsible for OR anyone who lives in the house and helps pay expenses.

FULL NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH
	Preschool student	

SECTION THREE: INCOME VERIFICATION

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL FORMS

NOTE: All personal identifying information is confidential. All applications will be assigned a number. Committee discussions do not include any personal identifying information.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- **2008 Income tax return** If using form 1040 please provide a copy of page 1, line 37. (If you do not have a 2008 tax return, please send a letter of explanation and copies of the 3 most recent paycheck stubs. Additional income verification may be required by the committee for scholarship awards.)

OR

- **A copy of verification of other assistance.** If you qualify for other types of assistance such as: food stamps, free and reduced lunches, Title 19, child care subsidy, WIC, etc..., provide a **copy** of award letter or card.

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SECTION FOUR: PARTICIPATING PRESCHOOLS/CENTERS

The following list represents all preschools/centers eligible to participate in the scholarship program for the 2008-2009 school year. Please check with the Washington County Empowerment office for any changes that may occur for the 2009-2010 school year.

- A to Z preschool - Kalona
- Kingdom Kids - Washington
- Ainsworth Elementary - Ainsworth
- Riverside Elementary - Riverside
- First Baptist Preschool - Washington
- Kids Country Club - Kalona
- St James Preschool - Washington
- WACO Elementary - Crawfordsville
- Washington Preschool - Washington

NOTE: Unfortunately not all qualified applicants will receive funding for Scholarships and/or Transportation due to state budget limits and/or conflict with the Mini Bus routes.

I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that deliberate misrepresentation of the information above will disqualify me and my family for receipt of the Preschool Scholarship and Transportation Funds.

Signature of adult completing this form: _____ Date: _____