



## Great Start Preschool Scholarships 2018

### Guidance for Accessing Scholarship Funds

The Great Start Collaborative assists with providing preschool scholarships to families residing in Cheboygan, Otsego and Presque Isle Counties, through donations from local companies and organizations.

#### Scholarship Amount

Scholarships are limited up to 1500.00 per family per school year Sept. 1 2018– June 1 2019

**Funds awarded on behalf of a family are paid to the provider.**

#### Family Eligibility

Great Start Scholarships are “funds of last resort.” A family requesting a scholarship must show that they are not eligible for Head Start/Early Head Start or GSRP or meet one of the exception criteria.

#### Exceptions

Exceptions to amount and eligibility criteria are considered on a case-by-case basis. Some examples of possible exceptions include:

1. Death or incarceration of a custodial parent
2. Entry into foster care
3. Temporary homelessness
4. Temporary change in parent/guardian employment
5. Temporary change in parent/guardian education status
6. Onset of serious illness or disability of a sibling in the household
7. Faith based consideration/Family Preference: Letter from family needs to be obtained

#### Application Process

- A family seeking a scholarship can obtain and complete an application via our Great Start website at [www.cop4kids.org](http://www.cop4kids.org)
- Families must first have applied for and been denied Head Start or GSRP or meet one of the exception criteria.
- The family needs to write a personal statement explaining their need for the scholarship and how the scholarship will benefit their child.
- The completed application should go to Great Start COP 6065 Learning Lane Indian River 49749

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