



ECE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Notre Dame Preschool + PreK is an Early Childhood Education (ECE) grant provider. We are provided a limited number of spots from the state of Ohio for this scholarship each year. *Please note that this scholarship differs from the ED Choice scholarship, which does not apply to preschool + preK age students.* The state of Ohio has made changes to the application process for the ECE scholarship going forward. If interested in receiving this income based scholarship, families must submit an online application to Ohio Benefits to determine eligibility.

To submit an application:

- Gather eligibility documents
 - Proof of US Citizenship or qualified non-citizen for the child
 - Proof of Income or any other money coming into the household (such as pay statements, tax records, award letters, child support)
 - Proof of any Child Support paid for children not living with the applicant
 - Categorical Eligibility, if not income:
 - a) IEP signature page
 - b) Active Case Plan, Family Service Plan or receiving Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI)
 - c) Zero Income Statement
- Go to the Ohio Benefits Self Service Portal (SSP)
<https://ssp.benefits.ohio.gov/apspssp/ssp.portal>
- Click "Apply For Benefits" (third box)
- Follow the prompts to apply for ECE benefits (we are NOT a PFCC provider)
- Select site location **Notre Dame Preschool**, license # **1000017748**

Students must be 3 or 4 years of age by Oct. 1, 2025 and meet income guidelines to qualify. Submitting an application does not guarantee enrollment. This application is to determine **ELIGIBILITY ONLY**. Enrollment is determined by Notre Dame Preschool + PreK staff. Please see the included chart for income eligibility.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Director, Kendra Rutman, at krutman@notredameschools.com.