

Can't Afford Preschool? Apply to Preschool Advantage for help!

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BRIDGEWATER, NJ — Preschool Advantage is accepting applications for scholarships to its partner preschools for the school year beginning in September. Local families can apply to Preschool Advantage for funding for a half day of preschool for 3 or 4 year old children. Preschool Advantage has provided families in Morris and Somerset Counties with financial assistance for high quality preschool education since 1995. In 2016, 71 children were funded by Preschool Advantage with more than 1300 tuitions paid throughout the organization's history.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old by Oct. 1 to be considered for funding for the school year beginning in September 2017. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. Families demonstrating commitment to education and financial need can access the application at preschooladvantage.org, or by calling 973-532-2501.

Preschool Advantage is a non-profit organization that believes all children should have access to high quality early education. Educational and economic research demonstrates that the effects of high quality preschool education are profound and enduring. Early childhood education encourages brain development and builds the emotional and social skills children need in school. Preschool Advantage is dedicated to assisting families who fall into circumstances that make paying tuition for quality preschool out of reach.

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“While there are federally funded programs to cover the cost of preschool for families living below the poverty line, working families making over that level have limited options” said Molly Dunn, Executive Director for Preschool Advantage. “There are

thousands of families in New Jersey who cannot access a quality education for their child. We are committed to addressing this need one child at a time.”

Preschool Advantage has carefully selected partner preschools in Bernardsville, Boonton, Bridgewater, Denville, Dover, Jefferson, Madison, Mendham, Morristown, Morris Plains, Mountain Lakes, Mount Olive and Parsippany. Preschool Advantage seeks to provide opportunities for a lifetime of learning that will create a better world for its students, their families, and the community. To apply for funding for preschool tuition or learn more about Preschool Advantage, please visit our website at www.preschooladvantage.org.