



PRESCHOOL ADVANTAGE

Funding early education for local children

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***Preschool Advantage opens the door to preschool
and unlocks the possibilities beyond.***

Preschool Advantage pays tuition for a half-day of preschool for 3 and 4 year-old children, for families who cannot afford preschool.

Most of our families earn less than \$80,000 per year, but we consider each family individually.

We partner with 27 preschools in Morris and Somerset Counties. Each school typically reserves 2 - 8 spaces for children funded by Preschool Advantage.

A list of our partner schools can be found on our website.

Applications are accepted beginning in February. Please submit your application as *early as possible* to increase your chances of placement at your first-choice school.

After your application is reviewed, the office will schedule a time to meet, learn more about each other and answer any questions you might have.

All information shared with Preschool Advantage is kept confidential and is never shared with other organizations.

Please call or email the Preschool Advantage office at any time with questions regarding the application process.

Child Information

Child's Name _____ Gender _____

Date of Birth _____ Age by October 1, 2022* _____
month day year

*Your child must be 3 years old by October 1st of the coming school year in order to qualify for the program.

Child's Address _____
Street Apartment number

_____ Town State Zip code

Who does your child live with? _____

If other, please specify _____

Does the child have siblings? _____

If yes, please provide the name and age of each sibling.

Name	Age

Have any other members of your family received assistance from Preschool Advantage or Project Acorn? _____

If yes, please list names and years.

Does anyone else live in the child's household? (e.g. grandparent(s), aunt, uncle, etc.)

Has your child attended preschool or childcare before? _____

School/facility _____

Dates attended (month/year – month/year)

Number of days per week _____

Number of hours per day _____

What was the monthly tuition cost? \$ _____

Do you/did you receive preschool tuition assistance? _____

How much tuition assistance did you receive monthly? _____

If Preschool Advantage is unable to fund your child, what other options do you have to help your child prepare for kindergarten?

Does your child have any health issues, any handicap, developmental delay, or disability?

If Yes, please
explain _____

Has he or she received or been recommended for early intervention?

If Yes, please
explain _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Information

Name _____

Address (if different from child's):

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Preferred method of contact? _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Language spoken at home: _____

If "Other", please specify language here: _____

Would you like a translator when speaking with us? _____

Highest level of education: _____

Occupation _____

Employer (If unemployed please type unemployed)

Work Address _____

Length of time at this job _____

Previous
Occupation _____

Previous
Employer _____

Previous Work
Address _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Information

Name _____

Address (if different from child's): _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Preferred method of contact? _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Language spoken at home _____

If "Other", please specify language here: _____

Would you like a translator when speaking with us? _____

Highest level of education: _____

Occupation _____

Employer (*If unemployed please type unemployed*) _____

Work Address _____

Length of time at this job _____

Previous
Occupation _____

Previous
Employer _____

Previous Work
Address _____

Additional Family Information

Demographic Information:

Preschool Advantage is dedicated to providing tuition assistance to families of all backgrounds. This information is used for our statistical purposes only and will not be used in the evaluation of your application. Please select the race/ethnicity below that you identify as:

If other, please explain:

Financial Information

To help us better understand your financial situation, please provide the documents listed below to Preschool Advantage. We will not share this information or these documents with any other organization or with anyone outside the Preschool Advantage organization.

- A copy of a completed and signed federal tax return (1040) for the current or last year.
- A copy of a current W-2 form for each parent/guardian
- A copy of a current pay stub for each parent/guardian

- If there are no pay stubs, provide a letter from your employer, with hours worked and hourly wages. This letter must include contact information for the employer.
- If you are self-employed, provide a copy of this year's and last year's completed and signed federal tax returns.

Income: Money coming to you before taxes.

Current income per month	Parent/guardian #1	Parent/guardian #2
Salary/wages		
Unemployment		
Disability/workers Comp		
Social Security		
TANF/Cash Assistance		
Child Support		
Alimony		
Veterans Benefits		

Retirement pension		
Other (please specify):		

Note: The following information will not be used in calculating your income nor will it affect your chances for being accepted in our program.

Do you receive:

SNAP: _____

Housing Voucher: _____

Medicaid: _____

NJ Family Care: _____

Have you applied for:

Child & Family Resource Voucher: _____ Status: _____

NORWESCAP: _____ Status: _____

Head Start: _____ Status: _____

Public Preschool: _____ Status: _____

Expenses: Money you spend each month
(other than routine expenses like phone, credit card, food, utilities, transportation).

How much do you spend each month	Parent/guardian #1	Parent/guardian #2
Rent/Mortgage payment		
Student loans		
Medical expenses		
Child support		

Other (explain)		
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If any of these need explanation or more details please share:

Do you rent or own your home? _____

If "Other", please explain: _____

Does anyone other than you provide financial support for your child? If yes, please provide:
Name _____
Relationship to child _____
Amount received each month _____

Have there been any recent changes in your life that have affected your financial situation?

Do you anticipate major changes in your financial circumstances in the coming year?

School Information

The list of our partner preschools can be found on our website.

<https://www.preschooladvantage.org/partner-preschool-directory/>

Please look it over, review the schools' websites, and find some that look like a good fit for your family. We encourage you to list three school choices as space is limited at each school.

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

*Do you need a school that offers a **full-day** program?* _____

Preschool Advantage pays for a half-day of school. If you need additional hours, you are responsible for arranging the payment. Partner schools that offer full day programs are noted on the school list. Please note school hours are subject to change.

How did you learn about Preschool Advantage?

Parent/Guardian Agreement Form

Please read these Preschool Advantage conditions.
If you agree to them, please sign at the bottom of the page.

1. Preschool Advantage pays tuition for a half-day of preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds from September to June. When your child reaches 5 years old or qualifies for public Pre-K or Kindergarten, he or she will no longer qualify for Preschool Advantage financial aid.
2. If your child is selected by another program for preschool tuition assistance, he or she is no longer eligible for aid from Preschool Advantage, and you must notify the Preschool Advantage office immediately.
3. If you choose to enroll your child for extended hours or a full-day program, you are responsible for paying for those additional hours of school.
4. You are responsible for getting your child to school every day.
5. You are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the school your child attends.
6. We expect your child to attend school regularly, except for illness. If your child will be absent for more than two weeks at a time, please notify the Preschool Advantage office.
7. You must sign a disclaimer form releasing Preschool Advantage from any liability.
8. Upon acceptance by the Preschool Advantage program, you agree to pay a \$75 registration fee to Preschool Advantage before your child begins school.

I understand and agree that failure to comply with these conditions may result in the removal of Preschool Advantage's financial aid for my child. I confirm that all the information included in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Preschool Advantage will withdraw or deny funding if any information is found to be misrepresented.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Disclaimer

Preschool Advantage is not a school.

Preschool Advantage is not affiliated with, has no contract with, has no ability to influence and is not an agent of any Partner Preschools.

Preschool Advantage makes no guarantee about the condition of the premises and facility of a school, or the qualifications and/or capabilities of teachers or school staff.

Preschool Advantage has no involvement in or responsibility for any third-party vendors hired by the preschools.

The decision to accept a child for a particular preschool program rests exclusively with the preschool, and the decision to place the child in that preschool is exclusively up to the parents and/or guardians of the child.

Preschool Advantage only provides tuition for the child, so is not responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may result from any action or inaction by the partner preschools, their officers, employees, agents, vendors and/or any other representatives, whether negligent, intentional or otherwise.

I understand and agree that failure to comply with the terms in this Disclaimer may result in removal of Preschool Advantage's funding.

I have read and agree with the terms in this Disclaimer.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Letter of Support

Please ask someone who knows your child and is NOT a family member to complete the Letter of Support Form, which is located on our website. The Letter of Support Form can be found on the following link:

<https://www.preschooladvantage.org/how-do-i-apply/>

The Letter of Support Form can be completed by your child's current teacher, baby sitter, care giver, therapist, social worker, clergy, doctor, or anyone else who knows your family and your child. Once that form is submitted, it will be attached to your application. If the Letter of Support Form is not submitted, your application may be considered incomplete.

Please supply the name and email of the person who will complete form on your behalf:

Name: _____ Email: _____

*It may be helpful to copy (ctrl c) and paste (ctrl v) the link above, and provide it to the individual who will be completing the form.

*Questions? Need Help? Please contact the Preschool Advantage office at 973-532-2501.

If you have finished completing the application, please click "Submit".