



# PRESCHOOL ADVANTAGE

Funding early education for local children

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

Preschool Advantage funds half-day preschool tuition for 3- and 4-year-old children whose families find it challenging to cover the high cost of preschool. This year, Preschool Advantage will offer a Pilot Program offering full-school-day funding (typically 6 hours) for a **limited** number of eligible 4-year-olds. Most of the families we serve earn less than \$80,000 per year, but we consider each family on an individual basis. **Preschool Advantage is not a school.** We partner with 27 preschools in Morris and Somerset Counties. Each school reserves a limited number of spaces for children funded by Preschool Advantage. A list of our partner schools and their hours can be found on our website.

Applications are accepted beginning in January and reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Please submit your application as *early as possible* to increase your chances of funding.

Once your **complete** application is reviewed, the office will contact you to schedule a time to meet so we can learn more about each other and answer any questions you may have.

All information shared with Preschool Advantage is kept **confidential** and is never shared with other organizations or agencies. Kindly complete each section of this application as fully as possible. The information you share with us will help us develop a better understanding of your situation.

Feel free to give the office a call with any questions.

# Child Information

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age by October 1, 2023\* \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

*\*Child must be 3 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in order to qualify for the program.*

*\*Child must be 4 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in order to be considered for the full school day Pilot Program.*

Child's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apartment number

\_\_\_\_\_ Town State Zip code

Has your child attended preschool or childcare before? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school/facility \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended (month/year – month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days per week \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours per day \_\_\_\_\_

What is/was the monthly tuition? \_\_\_\_\_

Do/did you receive tuition assistance? \_\_\_\_\_

How much tuition assistance do/did you receive monthly? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any health issues, developmental delays, or disabilities? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain:

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

If Yes, please explain:

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

## Household Information

Please list any adults and/or siblings living in the household. (*Parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.*)

Full Name	Age	Relationship to child

Is this a single-parent household or two-parent household? \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian #1 Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact? \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment status: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a student, please list name of school/facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work address: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at this job: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous work address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian #2 Information** *If single-parent household, proceed to Demographic/Language Section.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact? \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment status: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a student, please list name of school/facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work address: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at this job: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous work address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographics/Language**

*Preschool Advantage is dedicated to providing tuition assistance to families of all backgrounds. The following information is used for statistical purposes only and will not be used in the evaluation of your application.*

Please select your identifying race/ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

If other, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Language spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

If "Other", please specify language here: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a translator when speaking with us? \_\_\_\_\_

Have any other members of your family received funding from Preschool Advantage or Project Acorn? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list names and years. \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Information

Please include the following with this application.

1. Copy of a **completed** and **signed** federal tax return (1040) for the current **or** previous year.
2. Copy of a current W-2 form for each parent/guardian.
3. Copy of a current pay stub for each parent/guardian.

### Exemptions

1. If you cannot provide a paystub and W-2 forms, provide a letter from your employer which includes hours worked and hourly wages. This letter must include contact information for the employer.
2. If you are self-employed, provide a copy of this year's **and** last year's completed and signed federal tax returns.

### Gross Income *(pre-tax income)*

*If single household, leave Parent/guardian #2 column blank.*

Current income <b>per month</b>	Parent/guardian #1	Parent/guardian #2
Monthly salary/wages		
Monthly unemployment benefits		
Monthly disability/workers comp		
Monthly Social Security		
Monthly TANF/cash assistance		
Monthly child support		
Monthly alimony		
Monthly veterans' benefits		
Monthly retirement pension		
Monthly other (please explain below)		

If any of the information provided above needs explanation, please share here:

**Expenses** (other than routine expenses like phone, credit card, food, utilities, transportation)

How much do you spend <b>each month</b>	Amount
Monthly rent/mortgage payment	
Monthly student loans	
Unusual medical expenses	
Monthly child support	
Other (please explain below)	

If any of the information provided above needs explanation, please share here:

Do you rent or own your home? \_\_\_\_\_

If "Other", please explain:

***Your answers to the following questions will not affect your chances for funding from Preschool Advantage.***

**Do you receive:**

SNAP: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Voucher: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicaid: \_\_\_\_\_

NJ Family Care: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you applied for:**

Child & Family Resources: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

NORWESCAP: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Preschool: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If Yes, please explain:

Do you anticipate major changes in your financial situation in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain:

Is there any additional information you would like to share that will help us better understand your situation?

How did you learn about Preschool Advantage? \_\_\_\_\_

If "Preschool Advantage Family", please list the names: \_\_\_\_\_

If "Other", please list how you learned about Preschool Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Preference

Preschool Advantage is not a school. Preschool Advantage funds half-day preschool tuition for qualified families.

If you are in need of hours beyond those funded by Preschool Advantage, you are responsible for arranging the payment for those additional hours.

Review the list of our Partner Preschools to determine which are the best fit for your family. We encourage you to list three schools, as space is limited at each school. The list of Partner Preschools and their school hours can be found on our website or can be accessed by clicking the following link:

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

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you interested in being considered for the **full-school-day pilot program** for 4-year-olds? \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 funds 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 you receive funding from another program, you must notify the Preschool Advantage office immediately as your child may no longer be eligible for funding from Preschool Advantage.
3. If you choose to enroll your child in hours beyond those funded by Preschool Advantage, you are responsible for arranging the payment of those additional hours.
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, you must notify the Preschool Advantage office.
7. You must sign a disclaimer form releasing Preschool Advantage from any liability. (next page)
8. Upon acceptance you agree to pay a \$75 registration fee to Preschool Advantage before your child begins school.
9. Funding for the pilot program is **limited** and will be determined on a first come, first served basis.

**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 inaccurate or misleading.**

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Parent/Guardian signature

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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 its preschools.

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

Preschool Advantage 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 and the Parent/Guardian Agreement 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

The Letter of Support is to be completed by an individual who knows your family but is **not** a relative. The form is available on our website but can also be accessed by the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/220185636433050>

The Letter of Support form can be completed by your child's current teacher, babysitter, 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.

*\*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.*

**When the application is complete, please click "Submit".**