

Henry/Washington Co Early Childhood Area

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Dear Parents and Teachers,

Please help us spread the word. The Henry/Washington Early Childhood Area is offering PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS to eligible children whose families reside in Henry and Washington County and are between the ages of 3 to 5 years.

Early Childhood Iowa is a state incentive program designated to enhance the educational experiences of young children. Preschool scholarships are available through Henry/Washington ECA for the 2010-2011 school year. Scholarships are awarded based on income level and availability of funds. Full and partial scholarships are available. If a partial scholarship is awarded, the family is responsible to pay any remaining balance of tuition to the preschool.

Preschool Scholarships are based on level of income. Income eligibility is based upon the size of your family and is similar to those used by your local school district for reduced lunch prices (please see the table below). If your family income is represented in any of the columns below you should complete an application.

Computations for the 2009 Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family or household	2009 poverty guidelines (100% of poverty)	130% of poverty	145% of poverty	150% of poverty	185% of poverty	200% of poverty
1	\$10,830	14,079	15,704	16,245	20,036	21,660
2	14,570	18,941	21,127	21,855	26,955	29,140
3	18,310	23,803	26,550	27,465	33,874	36,620
4	22,050	28,665	31,973	33,075	40,793	44,100
5	25,790	33,527	37,396	38,685	47,712	51,580
6	29,530	38,389	42,819	44,295	54,631	59,060
7	33,270	43,251	48,242	49,905	61,550	66,540
8	37,010	48,113	53,665	55,515	68,469	74,020
For each additional person add	3,740	4,862	5,423	5,610	6,919	7,480

Applications are due August 6th, 2010 and should be mailed to:

Tasha Beghtol
Henry/Washington Co ECA
110 N Iowa Ave, Ste 300
Washington, IA 52353

Every child beginning at birth will be safe, healthy, and successful

Henry/Washington Co ECA

Information for Preschool Scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 6, 2010

To apply for a preschool scholarship please carefully complete, sign and return the application to Tasha Beghtol at Henry/Washington Co ECA, 110 N Iowa Ave, Suite 300, Washington IA 52353.

Application guidelines and requirements

- Complete applications must be received on or before August 6, 2010
 - Complete application includes:
 - All required information on application (pages 3 & 4)
 - Approved income verification (see section 3)
 - Parent/guardian signature
- If an application is reviewed and additional information is needed, applicants will have 30 days upon notification to submit additional information. After 30 days the application will expire.
- 4 & 5 year olds will receive priority over 3 year olds. Age is based on September 15th cutoff date. Example: A child who turns 4 years old on September 16th 2010 is considered a 3 year old for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - Additional consideration will be given to families who have more than one child attending preschool
 - A waiting list will be kept
- Eligible child(ren) must be enrolled in an approved preschool/center (see section 4)
- Scholarship amount is determined by the Henry/Washington ECA Board

All questions and concerns may be directed to Tasha Beghtol @ 319-461-1369 or by email at tbeghtol@washingtoncountyempowerment.org

HENRY/WASHINGTON ECA - PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SECTION ONE: CHILD INFORMATION

- Child's Name _____ Date of birth: _____
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- Preschool that child will be attending _____
- Parent/Guardian Name _____
- Home Address _____
- City _____ County _____
- Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
- Email _____
- Have you applied to Headstart? Yes _____ No _____

SECTION TWO: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

- LIST ALL** OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD**
 - o ****HOUSEHOLD** refers to any person you are financially responsible for OR anyone who lives in the house and helps pay expenses.

FULL NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH
	Preschool student	

SECTION THREE: INCOME VERIFICATION

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL FORMS

NOTE: All personal identifying information is confidential. All applications will be assigned a number. Committee discussions do not include any personal identifying information.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

▪ **2009 Income tax return** If using form 1040 please provide a copy of page 1, line 37. (If you do not have a 2009 tax return, please send a letter of explanation and copies of the 3 most recent paycheck stubs. Additional income verification may be required by the committee for scholarship awards.)

OR

- **A copy of verification of other assistance.** If you qualify for other types of assistance such as: food stamps, free and reduced lunches, Title 19, child care subsidy, WIC, etc..., provide a **copy** of award letter or card.

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SECTION FOUR: PARTICIPATING PRESCHOOLS/CENTERS

The following list represents all participating preschools/centers during the 2009-2010 school year. Please check with the Henry/Washington ECA office for any changes that may occur for the 2010-2011 school year.

- The Owl's Nest - Mt. Pleasant
- Grasshopper Green - Mt. Pleasant
- Mt Pleasant Christian preschool
- Grow and Glow - Mt. Pleasant
- Son Shine Academy - New London
- Ainsworth Elementary - Ainsworth
- Riverside Elementary - Riverside
- Kids Country Club - Kalona

I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that deliberate misrepresentation of the information above will disqualify me and my family for receipt of the Preschool Scholarship and Transportation Funds.

Signature of adult completing this form: _____ Date: _____