

Parents Share the Impact of Early Learning Scholarships

Hear from Scholarship recipients about the impact of this funding

"This scholarship has been a blessing because as a working mom raising kids and providing for kids, knowing I don't have to large payment towards daycare is a relief. I'm very grateful for this scholarship that I never thought I would qualify for." -**Olivia S., Plymouth**

"In March 2024 I wanted my 3 yr old to start preschool. It's the same school where I work as an assistant teacher. But I had no income or savings to pay for my child's school fees. My boss advised me to apply for a scholarship. At first, I wasn't convinced would be eligible but gave a try anyway. The process went smoothly and was eligible for a scholarship for a whole school year. Now my child attends the same school I work at and it's very convenient for me to drop her at school every day. I don't know what I would have done without getting approved for the scholarship. It has greatly helped me and my child." -**Vivian P., Brooklyn Park**

"Thanks to the scholarship, Frances was able to attend daycare, which provided her with a nurturing environment that greatly contributed to her growth and development. I am pleased to share that she has now moved on to full-time school, and while she is no longer on the scholarship, the foundation laid during her daycare experience will benefit her for years to come." -**Prince M., Brooklyn Park**

Without continued funding at the current rate, children will lose access to quality early care and education programs, and parents will continue to sacrifice their careers, schooling, and financial well-being.

"My daughter has the scholarship since 7/1/2024 and that really helped me to go to school and learn about the major that I used to dream about. But my son who is eight months old is still on the waiting list and I really need the scholarship as it's very difficult for me to pay the daycare fees." -**Nimo A.**

"As a mother of a 4-year-old, an Early Learning Scholarship would greatly benefit my child and our family. It would provide access to quality early education, helping with school readiness while easing our financial burden. This support would ensure my child thrives in a nurturing learning environment." -**Ayan M., Minneapolis**

"I'm currently on the wait list for the scholarship. It would be a great help as I am unable to afford childcare on and thinking about leaving work due to not being able to afford childcare." -**Ayan**