



# EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS PATHWAY I

## New online application

### Foster care workers in pilot counties can now apply online for a Pathway I Early Learning Scholarship on behalf of children they serve.

The Early Learning Scholarship Online Application is a slimmed-down version of the paper application used in the past.

#### Important

As of January 30, 2024, only foster care case workers who serve the following counties can use the online system: Currently, the pilot only applies to foster care case workers serving Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Morrison, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, White Earth Nation, and Leech Lake Nation. This is a pilot group, and we hope to expand statewide in the coming months.

If you have children with existing scholarships on your caseload, **your Area Administrator will invite you to create an account via email.**

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If you have no children with existing scholarships on your case load, you may apply for an account by navigating to [earlylearningscholarshipshub.mn.gov](https://earlylearningscholarshipshub.mn.gov), then:

#### 1 Create an account

No matter how many children you apply for, you will only ever need a single account.

#### 2 Enter information about the foster parent and the child (or children)

The online application is a shorter version of the paper application—it only displays what is relevant to you.

#### 3 Submit application

Once the scholarship has been granted, it will be up to the foster parent to renew in future years.

You can log back in at any time to view status of submitted applications or apply for other children on your case load.

If after the application is submitted you need to edit details such as the foster parent or case worker changes, please contact your Area Administrator who will make updates to the application or award.

If you have technical support questions, please visit the Early Learning Scholarship application site, and navigate to “Support.” There you will find frequently asked questions, help articles, and the ability to contact the hub support team.

#### Contact Information

If you have general questions, please contact [MDE.ELScholarships@state.mn.us](mailto:MDE.ELScholarships@state.mn.us).