



## Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-K Funding Options

### **What is an ODE Scholarship?**

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has awarded Early Childhood Education (ECE) grants to a small number of high quality preschools, including Mini University. We call these Kindergarten Prep Scholarships, and they are available at all Mini University Dayton locations.

### **Who can qualify for an ODE scholarship?**

A child who is 4 years old by September 30, 2021 is eligible if the child is on an IEP or the total Annual Family Income is below 200% of the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Preference is given to families residing in Dayton and Fairborn City School Districts.

### **What are the schedule options for Pre-K?**

5 Half Day (5HD), 5 Full Day (5FD), or 2.5 hour/day (9:00-11:30AM)

### **What are the ODE scholarship dates?**

**August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022**



### **How do I apply for an ODE scholarship?**

Complete the paperwork in the Kindergarten Prep Scholarship Packet (KP Application and JFS 01121), and submit all required financial documents, a copy of the child's birth certificate and IEP, if applicable, to Mini U.

### **What is the value of an ODE scholarship?**

**Up to \$400/month** - applied to the **child's co-pay** or the 5HD or 5FD tuition charges. It will cover all of the 2.5 hour/day schedule. This credit ends in July 2022.

Public funding application online at the Self-Service Portal <https://ssp.benefits.ohio.gov>

County: 937.461.9027

Hope Center: 937.739.4673

MVH: 937.224.3916

Sinclair: 937.512.2234

WSU: 937.775.4070

### **What is Preschool Promise?**

The **2021-22 Preschool Promise** is open to all Montgomery County families with 4-year-olds, regardless of the family's income. Need-based Tuition Assistance is available. The child must reside in the City of Dayton or Montgomery County for the entire time he or she is receiving Tuition Assistance. Information and application available at [www.PreschoolPromise.org](http://www.PreschoolPromise.org)



### **What are the Preschool Promise dates?**

**August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022**

Preschool Promise is available at Sinclair, Hope Center for Families, Montgomery County & Miami Valley Hospital Mini University locations.

### **When can I apply for Pre-K Funding?**

**TODAY!**

Preschool Promise funding is limited and ODE scholarships are awarded by September 1. All Pre-K spaces fill quickly so don't delay! Funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis.

**Families may apply for an ODE Scholarship with Mini University and Preschool Promise funding.**

Sinclair, HCF & WSU Student funding (CCAMPIS grant) and Premier Health Subsidy awards can be combined with Pre-K funding.

### **What is Mini University's Pre-K Attendance Policy?**

**8:30-11:30 AM daily minimum attendance**

All Pre-K children must be at school no later than 8:30 AM every day. This does not apply to the 2.5 hour/day schedule children. If a child is going to be absent, the family logs in to Tadpoles to report the absence or calls the center.

### **What else do I need to do to enroll for Pre-K?**

Submit the completed registration paperwork, including a Medical statement from your child's doctor. A Financial is prepared for you to sign, and you are **Ready to Enroll** for the 2021-22 school year.