



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 ECE Grants, and they are available at all Mini University locations.

Who can qualify for an ODE scholarship?

A child who is 3 years or 4 years old is eligible, if the child is on an IEP or the total Annual Family Income is below 200% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines. A child must be a resident of the state of Ohio.

What are the schedule options for Pre-K?

5 Half Day (5HD), 5 Full Day (5FD), or 2.5 hour/day (8:30-11:00AM)

What are the ECE Grant dates?

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



How do I apply for an ECE Grant?

Complete the ECE Grant application and submit all required financial documents, a copy of the child's birth certificate and IEP (if applicable). Optional: Online Public Funding application at the Self-Service Portal <https://ssp.benefits.ohio.gov>

What is the value of an ECE Grant?

Up to \$430/month - applied to the **child's co-pay** or the 5HD or 5FD tuition charges. For families interested in the 2.5 hour/day schedule, the grant covers all tuition costs. This credit ends in June 2025.

What is Preschool Promise?

The **2024-25 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 Montgomery County for the entire time he or she is receiving Tuition Assistance.

Information and application available at

www.PreschoolPromise.org

2024/2025 School Year: 3-year-olds who reside in the City of Dayton and the Dayton Public School district are now eligible for two years. Also, if a family feels that their 5-year-old is not ready to Kindergarten, they could be eligible for an additional year.



What are the Preschool Promise dates?

August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025 (currently enrolled families) **August 15, 2024 – July 31, 2025 (new enrollment)**

Preschool Promise is available at Sinclair and the Hope Center for Families. Our WSU location is only able to offer Preschool Promise to City of Dayton residents. Information and application available at www.PreschoolPromise.org

When can I apply for Pre-K Funding?

TODAY!

Preschool Promise funding is limited and ECE Grants 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 ECE Grant with Mini University and Preschool Promise funding.

Sinclair, Hope Center & WSU Student funding (CCAMPIS grant) awards can be combined with Pre-K funding.

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 2024-25 school year.

Hope Center: 937.739.4673

Sinclair: 937.512.2234

Miami: 513-529-8383

WSU: 937.775.4070