



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS PARENT INFORMATION

As parents, we always want what is best for our child. Research has shown that if children attend a quality early education program, they are more likely to succeed in kindergarten, graduate from high school, and succeed in the workforce. It is amazing but true to think that at a very young age parents can help build a strong foundation for their child's success in school and beyond. Erie's Future Fund was created in 2011 to improve the future for Erie County by addressing the need for improved school readiness among our children. Erie's Future Fund believes that it is important for children to have the chance to succeed, and would like to lend a hand. Scholarships are now available to help families send their children to a quality early childhood education program for three half-days a week during the school year, for up to two years before their child begins kindergarten.

Who can apply?

- Families must reside within Erie County
- Have an annual income at or below 185% of poverty (contact our Scholarship Director for specific income requirements), and
- Have a child that is up to two years prior to kindergarten.

We will be happy to help you with the application. The process is simple. Once you qualify, you can choose to enroll your child from a list of quality early childhood education programs. Contact Kimberly Beers, Scholarship Director, by phone: (814)874-0144 ext.15 or email: kimbeers@earlyconnectionserie.org. Information about Erie's Future Fund is also located on the web at: www.eriesfuturefund.org

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