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## 2017-2018 Policy & Procedures for Receiving Early Childhood Iowa Area Scholarship Funds

### Eligibility:

- Child must reside in and attend preschool in Benton or Tama County and must attend a participating preschool to be eligible.
- Family must be income eligible falling 200% or below poverty level (see chart).
- Children at or below the 100% poverty level (see chart) could be eligible for Head Start and need to contact the Vinton Head Start at 319/472-4761 or Tama Head Start 641/484-4713 to inquire about availability before applying for these funds. Documentation from Head Start must be provided to the Better Tomorrow's Early Childhood Iowa Area office verifying contact was made.
- Application must be sent to the Better Tomorrow's Early Childhood Iowa Area office.
- Child may only receive tuition assistance at one preschool per year.
- Funds are awarded on a first come first served basis. Priority funding may be given to children attending a 4-year-old preschool program.
- **Deadline to submit scholarship application will be October 31, 2017. No scholarships will be awarded after that date.**

### Requirements:

- Preschool attendance will be monitored by the school.
- At least 80% attendance per month will be required for participation in the Scholarship Program.
- If the child is sick and misses school, these days will not be included in the 80% attendance per month requirement *if a written doctor's excuse is provided.*
- If attendance falls below 80% per month, one warning will be given to parents by program management.
- The second time attendance falls below 80%, the child will be terminated from the scholarship program and not be allowed to re-enter during the current school year.
- Once terminated full preschool tuition will then be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

### How The Program Works:

- Scholarships will be awarded **until October 31, 2017** if funds are available.
- Families and preschools awarded these funds will be contacted by the Better Tomorrow's Early Childhood Iowa Area office.
- If your child is awarded a scholarship, payment will be made directly to the preschool.
- A maximum of \$100 per month, \$900 per year, or the usual customary rate the preschool charges, per child will be paid.
- A co-payment *may be required* by the preschool and will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

### Computations for the 2017 Annual Update of the Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family or household	100% of poverty	130% of poverty	145% of poverty	150% of poverty	185% of poverty	200% of poverty
1	\$12,060	\$15,678	\$17,487	\$18,090	\$22,311	\$24,120
2	\$16,240	\$21,112	\$23,548	\$24,360	\$30,044	\$32,480
3	\$20,420	\$26,546	\$29,609	\$30,630	\$37,777	\$40,840
4	\$24,600	\$31,980	\$35,670	\$36,900	\$45,510	\$49,200
5	\$28,780	\$37,414	\$41,731	\$43,170	\$53,243	\$57,560
6	\$32,960	\$42,848	\$47,792	\$49,440	\$60,976	\$65,920
For each additional person add	\$4,180	\$5,408	\$6,061	\$6,270	\$7,733	\$8,360

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