

Tuition and Financial Aid Q & A Mayflower Early Childhood Center

What do I do if I have concerns about paying the tuition?

We are committed to making MECC affordable for your family. Please call Director Ed Cavin, Admissions Coordinator Angharad Menne or Parent Outreach Coordinator Leah Popova with any questions at 612.825.5914.

What kinds of help are available to help me pay tuition at MECC?

There are three sources of funds available, beyond what your family can contribute: Child Care Assistance Program, State Early Learning Scholarships, and MECC Tuition Assistance. Families may be eligible for more than one type of support.

What is Child Care Assistance?

- The Hennepin County Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) helps families pay for child care while parents work, look for work, or attend school. Families must be below the income limit in order to qualify.
- Child Care Assistance can greatly reduce your tuition fees.
- Some families qualify for a sliding scale payment system; other families qualify for almost their entire tuition.
- Most often, families are put on a waitlist, and it may take several months or a year for them to move to the top of that waitlist. However, being on the waitlist is important to our funding sources at MECC

How do I apply?

- Call the Hennepin County Child Care Assistance Program at **612-348-5937 hotline to see if you qualify.**
- You will be asked a few questions to determine if you are eligible to receive Child Care Assistance.
- Based on your answers to the questions they will mail you an application form, place you on a waiting list, or explain that you are not eligible.
- Report to us what you learned from your phone call, and when you receive a letter from CCAP, please bring/mail a copy to us for our files.

What are State Early Learning Scholarships?

- State Early Learning Scholarships (also known as ThinkSmall) give eligible families up to \$7,500 to help pay for high-quality early childhood care and education to prepare their young children for school. Families may use Early Learning Scholarships to offset their tuition here.
- Mayflower is currently in the process of renewing ThinkSmall and its eligibility.

How do I apply for State Early Learning Scholarships?

- Speak with Admissions Coordinator Angharad Menne, or Parent Outreach Coordinator Leah Popova for more information at 612-825-5914.
- Or call ThinkSmall at 1-855-898-4465.

What is MECC Tuition Assistance?

- MECC raises private funds to support our MECC Tuition Assistance Program and meet the needs of as many families as possible. MECC Tuition Assistance helps cover part of your tuition while you wait to receive Child Care Assistance and/or Early Learning Scholarship or if there are family circumstances that make you ineligible for Child Care Assistance and/or State Learning Scholarships.
- To help as many families as possible, we ask that all eligible families apply for Child Care Assistance and Early Learning Scholarships, and then we use MECC Tuition Assistance to fill in the gaps.

How do I apply for MECC Tuition Assistance?

Call MECC and speak with Director Ed Cavin, or Admissions Coordinator Angharad Menne to get a MECC Tuition Assistance Application.

If your family is awarded Child Care Assistance and/or Early Learning Scholarships, be sure to bring in the letter(s) that explain you are on the waiting list for Child Care Assistance and Early Learning Scholarships. MECC will then re-evaluate your needs and eligibility for MECC Tuition Assistance.

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