

UNITED WAY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
**BRIGHTER FUTURES
CHILDCARE INITIATIVE**
Scholarship Fund



Applicant Information

1. Is my family eligible?

- ☐ Have a child/children under 5 years of age*
- ☐ Have a spot secured for your child/children at a licensed childcare program
- ☐ Live in Santa Barbara County
- ☐ Qualify financially (see table)
- ☐ Work during the hours your child receives care
- ☐ Contribute more than 15% of gross income for childcare

** Families applying for help covering the cost of care for a foster child should apply through [Alternative Payment Program \(APP\)](#).*

Family Size	Minimum Annual Income	Maximum Annual Income
	Upper limit of APP	600% of federal poverty line
2	\$79,144	\$122,640
3	\$89,661	\$154,920
4	\$104,545	\$187,200
5	\$121,272	\$219,480
6	\$137,999	\$251,760
7	\$141,135	\$284,040
8	\$144,271	\$316,320

2. What application materials do I need?

All application materials are submitted through an online portal.

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Unexpired photo ID for all parents or legal guardians
- ☐ Copy of most recent federal tax return
- ☐ Copy of pay stubs for previous 2-months
- ☐ Proof of residence, if not provided on federal tax return or photo ID
- ☐ If self-employed, current profit/loss statement and recent business taxes
- ☐ If applicable, divorce decree, separation agreement, and/or custody agreement
- ☐ If applicable, award letter for any government assistance programs.
- ☐ Signed client responsibility agreement
- ☐ Recommendation from childcare provider

3. How much financial aid can my family receive?

Monthly financial assistance is designed to bring combined childcare costs down to a reasonable amount. Families are required to contribute a minimum of 15% of gross income for childcare. The amount a family receives is based on several factors, such as, but not limited to:

- ☐ The monthly/annual gross income of the family and amount of income spent on childcare
- ☐ Number of people in the family
- ☐ Number of children under 5 years of age in childcare
- ☐ Number of days a week the child attends childcare
- ☐ Daily rate of childcare program
- ☐ Other financial hardships

The maximum Brighter Futures annual scholarship amount per child is \$20,000

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