

# Early Childhood Education Grant FAQ

## What are Ohio's Early Learning Program Guidelines?

Ohio's Early Learning Program Guidelines have been developed to provide a framework for early education programs to better meet the educational needs of children. The guidelines have been developed to address desired outcomes for children, families and educators and the process by which programs self-assess their progress.

## Family Income Questions

### What are the Federal Poverty Guidelines?

Federal Poverty Guidelines are established annually by the US Department of Health and Human Services. New poverty levels are usually announced in mid February each year.

### If a family's income is 200% or below the federal poverty level, are they considered reduced?

In order to receive ECE funding, the family income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. If the family income is between 101-200% the family can be charged tuition, based on the program's established sliding fee scale. Children at or below 100% of the federal poverty level cannot be charged tuition or a fee.

## 2018-2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Number in Family/Household	Gross Annual Amount (200%)
1	\$24,280
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760
<b>For each additional person add:</b>	\$8,640

- Based on the number of people in your household, if your gross annual income is the amount listed on the chart above or less, then you might qualify for low income status
- To determine if you qualify for low income status, you must have your income verified by the Scholarship Program staff.
- Income status determines priority for awarding scholarships. It also determines if your family will be responsible for paying any tuition that is not covered by scholarship.
- Obtain the Income Verification Form from the scholarship website. Complete the form and mail it along with copies of your income documents, to the address listed on the form.