



Lakewood Cooperative Preschool 2024/25 Scholarship Application

Lakewood Cooperative Preschool welcomes, values, and supports all families. We strive to provide a stimulating and nurturing play-based environment where children and families of all backgrounds and identities work together in the classroom and grow together in community. We are pleased to offer our families a comprehensive scholarship program. Our ability to offer scholarships is dependent upon the financial condition of our preschool.

Scholarship awards typically cover one academic school year (September – June), but can be applied for at any point within the school year as need may arise. Families that have been awarded scholarships (full and partial) are not responsible for any fees or fundraising requirements during the school year.

The criteria for scholarship levels are as follows:

1. The availability of scholarship funds
2. The number of scholarship applicants
3. The family's size and annual gross income, as detailed below:

Lakewood Cooperative Preschool bases financial scholarship eligibility on the US Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>), targeting 250% of this standard. This is kept as a guideline only, and we understand that federal poverty levels do not necessarily reflect the cost of living in Seattle. These guidelines are in place to help us support families that need financial aid the most, but we consider all applications.

Family Size	Annual Gross Income
2	\$51,100
3	\$64,550
4	\$78,000
5+	\$91,450

If your income exceeds these levels and you believe your family requires financial support, we ask you to describe your situation on the scholarship application. If you are unsure of how to proceed, please feel free to fill out the form to the best of your knowledge and explain your specific financial need. Our Scholarship Committee will contact you for further assistance in assessing your need and available scholarship funding.

Application and Award Process

Scholarships for the following school year are applied for during the preceding spring enrollment period. If possible, scholarship applications and supporting documents should be submitted at the same time as the enrollment application. Eligible scholarship families with more than one child applying to Lakewood Cooperative

Preschool may be awarded scholarships for each child - please fill out one application for each child. Enrollment is determined independently of the scholarship requests.

The 2024-25 school year will be the second year in which LCP's "in-house" scholarship program will be augmented by North Seattle College's (NSC) Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Scholarship program. As a condition of affiliation with North Seattle College, LCP and the other NSC affiliated Co-ops make an annual contribution to the PAC scholarship fund. These contributions are pooled and used to provide scholarships across the NSC affiliated Co-ops. Unfortunately the application timelines for LCP's and PAC's scholarships are different and final PAC scholarship awards are not determined until after the school year starts.

To provide families with a reasonable amount of information to plan upon, LCP will consider scholarship applications and make a determination, based on its criteria and available funds, of an amount of tuition that will be covered by scholarship. LCP will inform families of scholarship determinations before asking them to commit to enrollment. The family will then be asked to apply to the PAC scholarship program. When the PAC scholarship awards are announced, LCP will cover any remaining amount to meet its original total scholarship determination. For the time being, scholarship families will be asked to apply to the PAC scholarship each quarter. We realize that this process is somewhat cumbersome and LCP is working to align the two scholarship programs as best we can to help our families. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Scholarship applications are kept strictly confidential and are reviewed solely by the Scholarship Committee composed of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Anti-Bias Chair.

Completed scholarship applications and supporting documents can be submitted by email to:

Scholarships@Lakewoodcoop.net

or mailed to:

Scholarship Committee
% Lakewood Cooperative Preschool
5005 S Ferdinand Street
Seattle, WA 98118

The Scholarship Committee meets after the enrollment application deadline to review all completed scholarship applications. Scholarships are awarded using the above listed criteria with consideration to any additional information on the scholarship application. The Committee's goal is to award some scholarship funds to each applicant (if deemed in financial need). Therefore, partial scholarships may be awarded if there are a large number of applicants. You will be notified by the Treasurer if you have received a scholarship. No financial commitment to the school is required until you have been notified of any awarded scholarship amount, if the application was submitted prior to the enrollment deadline.

Scholarship applications that are received after the enrollment application deadline or during the current school year are considered on a first come basis. Any awards are dependent upon currently available scholarship funds.

We ask that scholarship recipients notify the Scholarship Committee if their financial situation changes, requiring either more or less scholarship assistance.

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Please contact the Scholarship Committee at Scholarships@Lakewoodcoop.net with any questions

Child's class:

- Bumblebees (18 mo - 2 ½ yrs): T/Th 9:30 - 11:30 am, tuition \$186/mo
- Crickets (2 ½ - 3 ½ yrs): M/W/F 9:00 - 11:30 am, tuition \$274/mo
- Dragonflies (3 ½ - 5 yrs): M/Tu/W/Th 12:00 - 3:00pm, tuition \$436/mo

Child's Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship to child _____

Email address: _____ Home/cell Phone: _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Employer Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship to child _____

Email address: _____ Home/cell Phone: _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Employer Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Number of parents/guardians residing at child's address _____ Number of children _____

Annual gross income \$ _____ Percentage of tuition you feel you can afford: _____

Describe circumstances that affect your family's current financial situation. Please state why full tuition payment may not be possible at this time. Please use the other side if needed.

To the best of my knowledge the information provided above is accurate. I understand that I may be requested by the Scholarship Committee to provide written verification of the information.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Lakewood Cooperative Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national/ethnic origin, socio-economic status, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation or disability.