



# KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund



*Crème de la Crème*

**So many “firsts” happen in our classrooms:** steps, words, raised hands, lost teeth, and more. But once our students leave our doors, they take the confidence they’ve gained here and begin a new educational journey full of possibilities—from elementary school to college and beyond!

When we celebrated our 50th birthday in 2019, we launched a new annual scholarship program called the KinderCare Learning Companies Kids Scholarship Fund. This program honors the achievements of our college-bound alumni and delivers on our commitment to positively impact the lives of our families, even after they’ve graduated from our programs.

## Here’s how it works for the 2024–2025 school year:

1. KinderCare, Champions, and Crème de la Crème alumni who will be enrolled for the upcoming school year in an accredited two- or four- year college will have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship.
2. The scholarship application cycle will be open from November 1, 2023–April 1, 2024.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to alumni with a maximum amount of \$5,000 each.
4. Scholarship recipients will be notified in June 2024. (Details for future scholarship years will be released at a later date).



To apply, [click here](#) to access the scholarship catalog at the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC). Search for “KinderCare Kids” in the search bar, then create an account within the OSAC Student Portal to complete the application process.

# FAQs: Still have questions? We have answers!

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## **Who can apply for the KinderCare Learning Companies Kids Scholarship Fund?**

All KinderCare Learning Centers, Champions, and Crème de la Crème alumni are eligible.

## **How do I know if I'm eligible for the KinderCare Learning Companies Kids Scholarship Fund?**

If you were enrolled at a KinderCare Learning Center, Champions, or Crème de la Crème at some point in your early childhood education and you meet the other criteria listed on the application, you're eligible.

## **If I work for KinderCare, Champions, or Crème de la Crème, is my child eligible to apply for the KinderCare Learning Companies Kids Scholarship Fund?**

All alumni are eligible, so if your child is an alum, then yes, they are eligible. If your child is not a KinderCare Learning Companies alum, then no, they are not eligible. Additionally, employees who are themselves alumni are also eligible.

## **If I was only enrolled part-time, can I still apply?**

You bet! There is no required length of enrollment or attendance to be eligible.

## **I was already awarded a scholarship from KinderCare Learning Companies. Can I apply again?**

Yes! We're making our scholarship renewable so past scholarship recipients can apply for additional funds to continue their education. This will be included in the application process that starts in November 2023 for scholarships awarded in 2024.

## **How much is the scholarship worth?**

Scholarships for the 2024–2025 school year are awarded for a maximum of \$5,000 per recipient.

## **I live in a state where KinderCare, Champions, or Crème de la Crème isn't located. Am I still eligible to apply?**

If you attended a KinderCare Learning Center, Champions, or Crème de la Crème as a child and you meet the [criteria listed on the application](#), it doesn't matter where you live in the U.S. now—you're eligible!

## **When is the application due?**

The application window for the 2024–2025 school year will open in November 2023, and must be submitted by April 1, 2024.

## **What other criteria do you look at when deciding who will receive the scholarship?**

We look for a few things:

- KinderCare Learning Centers, Champions, or Crème de la Crème alumni who plan to attend any eligible Title IV college or university in the United States.
- Students who plan to enroll at least part-time.
- A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form (financial need may or may not be considered).

In addition, applicants must complete a survey which asks:

- What impact did KinderCare, Champions, or Crème de la Crème have on you and your family's lives?
- Which KinderCare, Champions, or Crème de la Crème did you attend and when?

## **Are there any age restrictions?**

There are no age restrictions for applicants, but funds awarded are only for the 2024–2025 school year in an accredited two- or four-year college.

## **Is the KinderCare Learning Companies Kids Scholarship Fund available to students who don't live in Oregon and don't attend or plan to attend a college/university in Oregon?**

Yes, students attending an accredited two- or four-year college in any of the 50 states are eligible to apply for the KinderCare Learning Companies Kids Scholarship Fund.

## **When will scholarship winners be selected and notified?**

Awarded recipients will be notified by June 30, 2024 from the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion.

## **I am having technical difficulties with my application. Who can I contact?**

Please contact the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion at (800) 452-8807.

## **I still have questions. Who can I contact?**

Feel free to email us at [scholarships@kindercare.com](mailto:scholarships@kindercare.com).



## **Additional Resources**

Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) 2024–25 Scholarship Catalog  
<https://app.oregonstudentaid.gov/Catalog/Default.aspx>

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<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships-faq.aspx>