



**KinderCare**  
LEARNING CENTERS



# KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund

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!

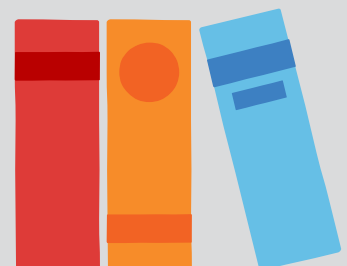
When we celebrated our 50th birthday in 2019, we launched a new annual scholarship program called the **KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund** that honors the achievements of our college-bound alumni and delivers on our commitment to positively impact the lives of our families, even after they’ve graduated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



## Here’s how it works for the 2022–2023 school year:

1. KinderCare 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, 2021– March 1, 2022.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to 10 KinderCare alumni with a maximum amount of \$5,000 each.
4. Scholarship recipients will be notified in June of 2022. (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. 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!

## Who can apply for the KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund?

All KinderCare Learning Centers alumni are eligible!

## Where can I apply for the KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund?

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## How do I know if I’m eligible for the KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund?

If you were enrolled at a KinderCare Learning Center at some point in your early childhood education and you meet the other criteria listed on the application here, you’re eligible.

## If I work for KinderCare, is my child eligible to apply for the KinderCare Kids Scholarship Fund?

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

## If I was only enrolled at KinderCare 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. 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 2021 for scholarships awarded in 2022.

## How much is the scholarship worth?

Scholarships for the 2022–2023 school year are awarded for a maximum of \$5,000 per recipient.

## I live in a state where KinderCare isn’t located. Am I still eligible to apply?

If you attended a KinderCare Learning Center 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 2022–2023 school year will open in November 2021, and must be submitted by Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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

We look for a few things:

- *KinderCare Learning Centers 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 have on you and your family’s lives?*
- *Which KinderCare did you attend and when?*

## Are there any age restrictions?

There are no age restrictions for applicants, but funds awarded are only for the 2022–2023 school year in an accredited two- or four-year college.

## Is the KinderCare 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 Kids Scholarship Fund.

## When will scholarship winners be selected and notified?

Awarded recipients will be notified by June 30, 2022 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)  
2020–21 Scholarship Catalog  
<https://app.oregonstudentaid.gov/Catalog/Default.aspx>

Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion  
(OSAC) FAQs  
<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships-faq.aspx>

