

State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Human and Community Services Division Early Childhood Services Bureau http://www.bestbeginnings.mt.gov



BEST BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP

ATTACHMENT F SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME VERIFICATION

What is Self-Employment?

Self-Employment is the act of engaging in a trade or business except as an employee. An individual is NOT self-employed if performing services that can be controlled by an employer. Source of income and individual activity from which income is generated determines if it is self-employment income.

How is self-employment income used to determine eligibility?

During the process of determining household eligibility, all gross income is evaluated to determine eligibility. In addition, self-employment status for applicants and participants is also verified. Income from self-employment divided by the number of child care hours requested must equal the current Federal/State Minimum Wage.

What documents will I need?

The following list of documents, are used to verify <u>earned</u> income. It is the responsibility of the applicant/participant to provide verification of all income used to determine eligibility.

- Bookkeeping records
- Tax Returns –must show proof of filing
- Receipts for ALL allowable expenses
- Pertinent lease agreements [building, vehicle, chair (cosmetology), etc.]
- Self-employment Income Verification form
- Contracts [construction, etc.]
- Bank Statements [personal & business] and cancelled checks
- Signed time sheets and receipt of payroll, if you have employees

The following list of documents, are used to verify <u>unearned</u> income. It is the responsibility of the applicant/participant to provide verification of all income used to determine eligibility. *You may use the Unearned Income section on page 3 of the application as a worksheet.*

- Attorney statements
- Cash income records
- Child Support receipts
- Parenting Plan court filed
- Retirement Award letter
- Education/Training Award records

What expenses are allowed or not allowed?

Allowed business expenses are subtracted from the gross receipts to determine taxable gross income. Allowable expenses must directly relate to the production of income. Receipts must be attached to be counted.

Not Allowed business expenses include those derived from capital investments:

- Depreciation
- Amortization
- Non-sufficient Fund charges
- Credit Care late fees
- Business start-up costs
- Personal & entertainment expenses
- Payments on principal portion of loan payments
- Personal transportation
- All expenses for which receipts are not provided

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. You may use the worksheet on the back of this form to verify your self-employment income if:
 - You did not file a business income tax return last year; or
 - You filed a business tax return last year AND expect a significant change in your business earnings this year.
- 2. You must have business records to verify the information given on this form. Business records include items such as invoices, cancelled checks, receipts for materials purchased, business and personal bank account information and your business calendar for us to determine your work schedule. Copies must accompany this form. We cannot guarantee that original forms will be returned to you.

NOTE: While the IRS may allow more business deductions, this form lists only the business deductions allowable under the scholarship program.

- 3. If you filed a business tax return last year, please include copies of IRS forms 1040 and Schedule C. Include form 8829 if you claim expenses for the business use of your home. These forms must show that they were filed with your tax return. (Schedule F, if applicable)
- 4. If you own a corporation or partnership, include copies of IRS forms 1065 or 1120. Your share of profits not distributed to the principal owners will be counted as income.
- 5. You must include copies of any estimated taxes you paid to the IRS this year. Generally, the IRS requires you to make estimated tax payments if you expect to owe at least \$1,000.00 in taxes.
- 6. We must be able to verify how many hours you work and the work schedule you listed on your application form. Please attach to this form any information you have that verifies your work schedule.
- 7. The Self Employment Verification form must be signed and dated on page 2.

If you have any questions or need help completing this form, please call your CCR&R eligibility worker.



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This is the person who is Self Employed and rel LAST NAME		Г NAME		N	MIDDLE NAME	
ADDRESS (physical)						
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CO	UNTY		PHONE NUMBER
BUSINESS INFORMATION BUSINESS NAME				Federal Tax ID (EIN)	Wher	n was this business started?
BUSINESS ADDRESS (if different)					Did you file a tax return last year?	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	СО	UNTY		☐ YES ☐ NO PHONE #
TYPE OF BUSINESS (explain)						1
BUSINESS OWNER NAME(S) (if not owned s 1.	solely by you	urself)	2.			
How many hours do you work a week? Please attach a weekly / monthly work sch	What is your income/draw? \$ Per month					
Does the business have employees? 🔲 YE	s 🗆 no	If yes, ho	w often	are they paid?		
Does the business have any company-paid If, yes, please list amount per month: \$	flexible child			nt could be taken in caseived these benefits?	sh? 🗌	YES NO
Does the business have any contracts from If, yes list and give amounts.	which incor	ne is deri	ved?	YES 🗆 NO		
Does the business have lease agreements f If, yes list number and type of leases.	rom which e	expenses	are paid	? 🗆 YES 🗆 NO		
A copy of my business license is attached?	☐ YES ☐] NO				

BUSINESS INCOME CALCULATION WORKSHEET

PLEASE ROUND ALL AMOUNTS TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR

1. Income	What is this? Documentation Required	Amount					
a. Gross Income earned	Enter your gross business income before deductions	1a.					
b. Period covered	Tell us how long it took you to earn this money	1b. From:					
		To:					
c. Unearned Income	List the total amount you have received from	1c.					
- The Unearned Income section	sources other than employment such as interest,						
on page 3 of the application	dividends from investments, or rental property						
may be used as a worksheet.	[including boarders]						
2. Business Expense	What is this? Documentation Required	Amount					
You have three expense options:	Actual Expenses, 35% of your gross income for ex	xpenses, or no					
expenses. Please indicate your choice below. If you choose 35%, you do not need to complete the							
expenses section of this form. If	you have no expenses, please indicate below.						
☐ Actual Expenses	\square 35% of gross income for expenses \square I have	ave no expenses					
a. Car & Truck Expense	You can claim the standard mileage deduction if you	2a. Miles					
·	use your car or truck for business purposes. Multiply	X \$0.575					
	the miles you traveled for work times \$.55 per mile.	=					
		\$					
b. Insurance	List the amount you pay for business insurance on	2b.					
	your business.						
c. Equipment Rental	Enter the cost of renting vehicles, machinery or	2c.					
	equipment for your business.						
d. Supplies	Enter the cost of supplies and materials used to	2d.					
	operate your business.						
e. Licenses	Enter the cost of any licenses you purchased for your	2e.					
	trade or business.						
f. Telephone	Enter your business telephone expense. If you use	2f.					
	your home telephone for business, DO NOT deduct						
	the regular monthly rate charged by your telephone						
	company, use what is allowed by IRS rules.						
g. Employee Salaries	Enter the amount you paid to individuals that	2g.					
	worked for you. Do not include payments to yourself						
	or any other business owners.	_					
3. Total Business Expense	Add the total expenses listed in lines 2a through 2g	3.					
	or 35% of line 1a+line 1c. [(1a+1c)x.35]						
4. Net Business Income	Subtract the total expenses in line 3 from your gross	4.					
	earnings in line 1a + Line 1c. [(1a+1c)-3=4]						

Please Sign and Date

- I certify that I have listed all income and expenses above. I also certify that I have receipts or some type of verification on file for all listed income and expenses reported on this form, and I will keep them on file for at least one year from the date reported.
- I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the information has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Business Owner Signature	Date