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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE WAITLIST UPDATE:

Please submit an application to be considered for the waitlist.

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in submitting an application for the COVID-19 Special Circumstance Scholarship. Funding has been depleted and a waitlist has been implemented due to the high volume of applications.

We understand that families have high needs during this emergency and please know we would have liked to serve every family who applied. Child Care Connections and our partners are advocating for additional funds to assist those on the waiting list, but additional funding is not guaranteed.

If this scholarship would help your family, please join us in advocating for additional funding. Send a brief letter supporting this scholarship and outlining how it will help your family to Child Care Connections at jane@cccmontana.org, fax 406.587-1682, or mail to Child Care Connections 1143 Stoneridge Drive STE 1, Bozeman, MT 59718.

Best wishes,

The Child Care Connections Team

COVID-19 FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN-HOME SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

What to Know

Who: Montana Families with children 0-18 years old

What: A scholarship opportunity to cover *special* in-home needs for families whose children **cannot attend school or a group child care setting** due to COVID-19 and specialized needs.

When: Apply **August 19th – December 31st, 2020** (or until funding is gone)

How: Complete the application and submit it to Child Care Connections at:

- 1143 Stoneridge, Dr., STE 1, Bozeman, MT 59718 **or** 901 N Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59601
- E-mail to Kami Ryles at: kami@cccmontana.org
- Fax to: (406) 587-1682

More details:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unique challenges for Montana's families working to balance professional responsibilities, child care, and changes to schooling. There is widespread uncertainty about options for school-age children because of the pandemic. Some families include children or family member with special needs such as health and safety needs, or a lack of child care in their community, which cause them to need in-home child care. This may also include foster and kinship families with unique in-home needs.

***Note:** "Lack of child care available" means that you are unable to find child care due to living in a rural area that has no available licensed child care or there are no licensed child care openings for your child.

***Note:** Scholarships are **not meant for attendance at registered/licensed child care**.

Examples of qualifying special circumstances of children who cannot attend school or group care settings:

1. Compromised health of child and/or family
2. Children with developmental and physical disabilities
3. Children with emotional disturbance
4. Remote learning support

All eligible families will receive \$4,000 to be used for care in their home or in another caregiver's home, such as a family member, a friend, or a neighbor.



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COVID-19 Special Circumstance Scholarship Application for Families Requiring In-Home Child Care

CCR&R contact information:

- **CCR&R:** Child Care Connections
- **Contact Person:** Kami Ryles; kami@cccmontana.org; (406) 548-3667
- **Submit your application to:** Kami Ryles at Child Care Connections

General Information:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has created unique challenges for Montana’s families who are working to balance returning to the workforce with childcare and support needs. There is widespread uncertainty about school options for school age kids as a result of the pandemic. Some families include children or family members with special needs-including health and safety needs requiring in-home care. This may also include foster families and kinship families with unique in-home needs.

Note Just because there is no ‘in person school’ is not necessarily a special circumstance. The intent of the scholarship is to provide a solution for those unique, special circumstances that cannot be served under the school or traditional child care model.

Scholarship Opportunity:

A special circumstance scholarship is available to help parents offset costs for children aged 0-18, such as individualized or specialized care, respite, increased food and supply costs for in-home childcare, increased cleaning needs, and support for remote learning.

The scholarship amount is \$4000 per family and may be used for care in their home or in another provider’s home, such as a family member, a friend, or a neighbor. Scholarships must be awarded and spent by December 31, 2020 and are based on available funding.

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Physical Address:

City:

Zip:

County:

Mailing Address (if different than physical address):

City:

Zip:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Child First and Last Name	Child Age

Provide additional names and ages here:

Describe your family's special circumstance (Click [HERE](#) for examples):

Reason for funds (check all that apply):

- Health/safety
- Rural – limited provider access
- Remote Learning Support
- Respite
- Other special circumstance

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- Approved Denied
- Payment processed

Notes

Date:

Responsible party signature:



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