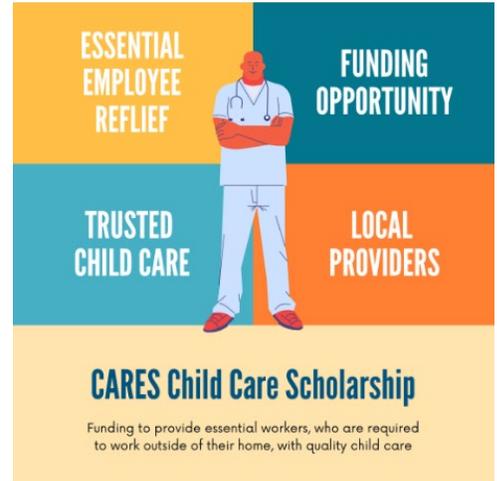


# CARES Child Care Scholarship



Essential workers using a regulated childcare provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care as long as the funds to support it are available. All licensed and regulated providers who are caring for essential workers are able to participate in this new program.

Access to affordable and safe childcare is a barrier for working parents during the best of times, and even more so during a crisis. New York State’s plan will ensure that the workforce that is needed to protect and care for the public during this pandemic have the childcare that allows them to continue to serve us all. CCR&Rs are the childcare experts and the conduit to accessing child care in New York State.

A parent/caregiver can access the application based on the links below:

[English](#)

[Chinese](#)

[Spanish](#)

## **Provider Information Profile (PIP):**

### **CARES Child Care Scholarship Parent Application**

The Early Care & Learning Council (ECLC) and our network of 35 Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies applaud the action of the Office of Children and Family Services and the Cuomo Administration in developing a plan to provide child care to essential workers at no cost to the worker. This allocation of funding comes to the state from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"), which has provided our state with \$163.6 million in emergency relief to the childcare system.

Our state is using a portion of this funding to provide childcare for essential workers, at no cost to the worker. This program will support essential workers who are required to work outside of the home. Essential workers using a licensed or registered childcare provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care through May 15th, 2020. All licensed and regulated providers who are caring for the children of essential workers are able to participate in this new program. The [CARES Child Care Scholarship](#) will be available as long as the funds to support it are available.

The Application Process: Your application will not be considered complete until all of these steps are completed. Once you complete and submit this online application, you will be contacted by a Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agency within 24-hours to review this application and next steps. You will need to submit a letter to your CCR&R from your employer stating that you are an essential worker that cannot work from home. If you are currently receiving a childcare subsidy, you will need to submit an additional letter stating your co-pay to your CCR&R. When your CCR&R contacts you, you will discuss these documentation needs further. Your online application AND the supplemental letters will complete your application process. At that point, you CCR&R can determine your eligibility

We would also like to take a moment to express gratitude for your service as a member of the essential workforce. Thank you!