

2023-2024 Postsecondary Child Care Grant Program Application – Rochester Community and Technical College

1. Name (Last, First, Middle):

2. Student School ID:

3. Student's Email Address:

4. Permanent Home Address:

5. City, State, Zip Code:

6. County of Residence:

7. Telephone Number:

8. Number of children 12 years of age or younger receiving child care:

9. Number of children with a disability 14 years of age or younger receiving child care:

10. Are you and/or any of your dependents currently receiving MFIP benefits?

No Yes (If yes, list names of ALL MFIP recipients and attach documentation from county social services.)

11. Are you or the other parent receiving child care assistance from some other source? (See instructions.)

No Yes (If yes, please identify source and attach documentation of assistance you are receiving.)

Caseworkers name: _____ Caseworkers phone number: _____

12. Indicate the number of credits for which you intend to register: _____
Fall Term Spring Term

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

- I understand and accept the obligation to provide a written report to the school of any changes in information provided on this application within 10 days of the change. Changes may include, but are not limited to, my enrollment, FAFSA, receipt of MFIP, Basic Sliding Fee or Transition Year benefits, hours of child care, changes in provider, or provider rates, etc. I understand that failure to report any changes within 10 days will result in cancellation and possible repayment of any Postsecondary Child Care Grant.
- I understand that the Postsecondary Child Care Grant must be used to pay my child care provider and that the award is subject to repayment and/or cancellation if used for other purposes. I agree to furnish receipts from my child care provider if requested by the school or the Office of Higher Education staff.
- I give permission to the Office of Higher Education and any school I attend to share information regarding the Postsecondary Child Care Grant with my child care provider(s) and to verify the information on this application. I also give my provider permission to verify the information in the provider's section, when contacted by the school or the Office of Higher Education staff and I understand that my application will be on hold until the provider information has been verified.
- I give permission to the county social service agency to release to the school or the Office of Higher Education the amount and terms of any MFIP, Transition Year or Basic Sliding Fee child care benefits I receive from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. I give permission to the school and the Office of Higher Education to report my child care award to my county social service agency if I receive MFIP, Transition Year benefits or Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance during this academic school year.
- I declare that the other parent or legal guardian of my child/children is not capable or available to care for my child/children during the hours for which I have requested an award from the Postsecondary Child Care Grant Program.
- I understand that if I withdraw or reduce my enrollment after receiving a Postsecondary Child Care Grant, all or a portion of the grant will need to be repaid to my college.
- I certify that the information on this application is true and correct and I promise to provide additional documentation if requested. I understand that this form is used to establish eligibility for the Postsecondary Child Care Grant Program and that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, **I may be subject to a fine, a prison sentence, or both and such action may result in the forfeiture or repayment of future awards from this program.**

Student's Signature – By signing here I understand and agree to the above-mentioned guidelines.

Date (mo/day/year)

Student Name:

Student School ID:

Completed by Child Care Provider –

Please note, during the review process you will be contacted by the program administrator to verify the information listed here.

Child's Full Name	Child's Age	Child's Date of Birth	Total Hours Child Care Provided Per Week	Amount Charged Per Child Rate Type Charged (check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Hourly Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Rate	Date Day Care Started
				\$	
				\$	
				\$	

Please list child care assistance paid to provider from other sources such as Basic Sliding Fee, Early Childhood scholarship, Transition Year, other parent receiving discounted rate, child care scholarships or any other assistance programs, etc.

Source: _____ \$ _____ Child _____
Source: _____ \$ _____ Child _____

Child Care Center / Provider's Printed Name _____ Relationship to Student (if any) _____

Provider's Street Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____ County Provider Located _____

Provider's Phone Number _____ Provider's Email Address _____

Check all that apply:

- I am a licensed home child care provider. License number: _____
- I represent a licensed child care center. License number: _____
- I represent a latch-key program which has a contract with a school district to provide child care for school age children.
- I represent a child care center which is legally exempt from licensure. (YMCA, tribal daycare)
- I am at least 18 years of age. Under the exempt status I will only care for this family's children, besides my own and I do not reside in the same household as the student and child.

PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

- I certify that the information provided above is true and correct and that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, I may be subject to a fine, a prison sentence, or both and such action may result in the forfeiture of future awards from this program.
- I promise to provide additional documentation if necessary, including confirming the above information when contacted by Office of Higher Education staff or the college financial aid administrator. I also grant permission to Office of Higher Education or school auditors to review my financial records to verify receipt of Postsecondary Child Care Grant funds.
- Applies only to unlicensed child care providers. I give permission to the Office of Higher Education or the school to report the amount of the student's Postsecondary Child Care Grant to the Internal Revenue Service or the Department of Revenue as taxable income to the provider, when requested.
- I understand that I cannot charge a Postsecondary Child Care Grant recipient a higher rate for services than the rates charged to other clients who are not recipients. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, **I may be subject to a fine, prison sentence, or both.**
- I understand the obligation to immediately report any changes to the information provided in the above chart to the student's financial aid administrator. This includes informing the school if I am no longer providing child care services for the student's children.

Provider Signature-By signing here I understand and agree to the above mentioned guidelines. Date (mo/day/year)

Please report any changes to the student's college financial aid administrator using this contact information:

**Melissa Pentz, Financial Aid Specialist / Rochester Community & Technical College / 851 30th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904
1-800-247-1296 ext 7337 / 507-285-7337 / melissa.pentz@rctc.edu**

IMPORTANT: Read instructions before completing application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be complete before a Child Care Grant Award can be determined. FAFSA applications can be completed on-line at www.studentaid.gov Funding for the Child Care Grant is awarded on a first serve basis. Priority will be given to the last year's recipients with a priority application deadline of August 20.

The maximum full-time Postsecondary Child Care Grant award for a full-time undergraduate student 12 credits is \$6,500 prorated for EFC range and enrollment level, for each eligible child per nine-month academic year. Students are able to receive an extra term of eligibility for summer term attendance. Annual awards will be divided evenly into term installments and disbursed to recipients each semester. Assistance may cover up to 40 hours of child care per week for each eligible child, for a maximum home care cost of \$5 an hour, and a maximum center care cost of \$10 an hour. The institution may increase the maximum award by ten percent to compensate for higher infant care rates charged by some providers. The school may choose to make payments more frequently or to pay the provider directly. Office of Higher Education staff or the college financial aid administrator will contact child care providers to verify the information provided on the application.

In order to be eligible, a recipient must:

1. be a Minnesota resident or the applicant's spouse meets the MN resident definition (see definition below), including undocumented students who qualify under the MN Dream Act;
2. not be receiving benefits from the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP);
3. must be EFC eligible;
4. be pursuing a non-sectarian program or course of study that applies to an undergraduate, graduate or professional degree, diploma, or certificate;
5. have a child 12 years of age or younger, or 14 years of age or younger with a disability, needing child care service on a regular basis;
6. be enrolled in an eligible program, undergraduate students enrolled in at least one credit per semester;
7. be in good standing and making satisfactory academic progress;
8. not be receiving tuition reciprocity;
9. not be in default on a student loan or, if in default, have made satisfactory arrangements to repay the loan with the holder of the note;
10. not have received a Postsecondary Child Care Grant for a period of ten semesters or the equivalent; and
11. a student who withdrew from college during a term because you were called up for active military services after December 31, 2002, or for a major medical illness may be eligible for an additional term award, please provide the necessary documentation to your college financial aid administrator.

Minnesota resident is:

1. a student who has resided in MN for purposes other than postsecondary education for at least 12 consecutive months without being enrolled at a postsecondary institution for more than five undergraduate or one graduate credits in any term; or
2. a dependent student whose parent or legal guardian resided in MN at the time the 2023-2024 FAFSA was completed; or
3. a student who graduated from a MN high school, if the student was a resident of MN during the student's period of attendance at the MN high school and the student is physically attending a MN campus; or
4. a student who, after residing in the state of MN for a minimum of one year, earned a high school equivalency certificate in MN; or
5. a student who is a member (or spouse/dependent of a member) of the armed forces of the United States stationed in MN on active federal military service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5c; or
6. a spouse or dependent of a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, if the veteran is a MN resident; or
7. a student (or spouse of) who relocated to MN from an area that is declared a presidential disaster area within 12 months of the disaster declaration, if the disaster interrupted the person's postsecondary education; or
8. a student defined as a refugee under United States Code, title 8, section 1101 (a)(42), who, upon arrival in the United States, has moved to MN and has continued to reside in MN.
9. a student eligible for resident tuition under section 135A.043; or
10. an active member, or a spouse or dependent of that member, of the state's National Guard who resides in Minnesota or an active member, or a spouse or dependent of that member, of the reserve component of the United States armed forces whose duty station is located in Minnesota and who resides in Minnesota; or
11. a student whose spouse meets the definition of a Minnesota resident.

Question #9 on application – Child with a disability is: A child who has a hearing impairment, blindness, visual disability, speech or language impairment, physical disability, other health impairment, mental disability, emotional/behavioral disorder, specific learning disability, autism, traumatic brain injury, multiple disabilities, or deaf/blind disability and needs special instruction and services, as determined by the standards of the commissioner, is a child with a disability.

A child without a disability is: A child with a short-term or temporary physical or emotional illness or disability, as determined by the standards of the commissioner, is not a child with a disability.

Question #11 on application – Other sources of child care funding: Answer "yes," if you are receiving child care funding from another source. Examples are: the child's other parent is receiving the Postsecondary Child Care Grant, your employer is helping to pay your child care costs, you receive Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance from the county, you receive an Early Childhood scholarship, you receive any other assistance to help pay for daycare costs, other parent is receiving any of the above or a discounted day care rate, or your ex-spouse is required to cover a portion of child care costs per divorce decree, etc.