

School Readiness is a public school early childhood program that provides early childhood educational opportunities for children who are at least 3 years old and not yet in kindergarten.

The following information is needed when requesting a School Readiness Scholarship:

- 1. Hand in Hand Preschool Registration and Enrollment options forms
- 2. This application for School Readiness scholarship
- 3. A copy of 2 of the most recent paycheck stubs of ALL contributing members of the household –or-other proof of income (i.e. most recent tax return)
- 4. Follow-up interview

1	Check here if you	qualify for	the free/reduced	lunch program	in our district.
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2. Check here if you participate in the Rice County Childcare Assistance Program.

List all the children in the house hold, from birth to high school, whether or not related:

First name	Last name	Gender	Date of birth	WIC/MFIP/CCAP HeadStart?

List all the adults in the household, whether or not related:

First name	Last name	Gender	Date of birth

1. List all household income received last month. (Please provide copy of last 2 check stubs to verify)

Name	Gross monthly Wages & Salary	Pension, SSI, Social Security, Retirement	Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

2. I certify that this information is true and correct. Because federal and state funds may be paid on the basis of this information, I understand that school officials may verify the information and any deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable laws. I will notify the School Readiness Coordinator if income guidelines change.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:		
Printed Name:	Date:/	/
Address:		
Home Phone: ( )	Work/cell Phone: ( )	<u>    -                                </u>

<u>Data Privacy:</u> The information you have provided on this form is private data. It is used to determine and verify whether a child in your household qualifies for a scholarship to assist in the cost of a preschool program. Verification efforts will be carried out by contacting MFIP, WIC, or Head Start regarding a child's participation and/or eligibility in their programs. The information you provide on this application is not released for any other purpose unless a parent or guardian provides a written request.

Return the application information to Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division, attention Community Services, 1651 Jefferson Pkwy., Northfield, MN 55057. The application will be reviewed and you will be contacted for a <u>follow-up interview</u>. The interview is designed to assess additional factors which may have an impact on your child's early education opportunities and/or experiences, which will be considered when making scholarship eligibility determinations.

There is a high demand for School Readiness Scholarships and the funds are limited. Therefore, we appreciate your cooperation with our guidelines so that the funds can be used in the most valuable way.