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## **2012-2013 Policy & Procedures for Receiving Early Childhood Iowa Area Scholarship Funds**

### **Eligibility:**

- Child must reside in and attend preschool in Benton or Tama County and must attend a participating preschool to be eligible
- Family must be income eligible falling 200% or below poverty level (see chart)
- Children at or below the 100% poverty level (see chart) could be eligible for Head Start and need to contact the Vinton Head Start at 319/472-4761 or Tama Head Start 641/484-4713 to inquire about availability before applying for these funds. Documentation from Head Start must be provided to the Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Area office verifying contact was made
- Application must be sent to the Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Area office
- Child may only receive tuition assistance at one preschool per year
- Funds are awarded on a first come first served basis. Priority funding may be given to children attending a 4-year-old preschool program.

### **Requirements:**

- Preschool attendance will be monitored by the school
- At least 80% attendance will be required for participation in the Scholarship Program
- If the child is sick and misses school, these days will not be included in the 80% attendance requirement *if a written doctor's excuse is provided*
- If attendance falls below 80%, one warning will be given to parents by program management
- The second time attendance falls below 80%, the child will be terminated from the scholarship program and not be allowed to re-enter during the current school year
- Once terminated full preschool tuition will then be the responsibility of the parent/guardian

### **How The Program Works:**

- Scholarships will be awarded throughout the school year if funds are available
- Families and preschools awarded these funds will be contacted by the Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Area office
- If your child is awarded a scholarship, payment will be made directly to the preschool
- A maximum of \$100 per month, \$900 per year, or the usual customary rate the preschool charges, per child will be paid.
- A co-payment *may be required* by the preschool and will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian

### **Computations for the 2012 Annual Update of the Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines**

<b>Persons in family or household</b>	<b>100% of poverty</b>	<b>130% of poverty</b>	<b>145% of poverty</b>	<b>150% of poverty</b>	<b>185% of poverty</b>	<b>200% of poverty</b>
1	\$11,170	\$14,521	\$16,197	\$16,755	\$20,665	\$22,340
2	\$15,130	\$19,669	\$21,939	\$22,695	\$27,991	\$30,260
3	\$19,090	\$24,817	\$27,681	\$28,635	\$35,317	\$38,180
4	\$23,050	\$29,965	\$33,423	\$34,575	\$42,643	\$46,100
5	\$27,010	\$35,113	\$39,165	\$40,515	\$49,969	\$54,020
6	\$30,970	\$40,261	\$44,907	\$46,455	\$57,295	\$61,940
For each additional person add	\$3,960	\$5,148	\$5,742	\$5,940	\$7,326	\$7,920

### **For More Information Contact:**

#### **Benton County Applications:**

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#### **Tama County Applications:**

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 Tama, Iowa 52339  
 641-484-4713