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2012-2013 Better Tomorrows (Benton/Tama) Early Childhood Iowa Area Preschool Scholarship Application

Name of child applying for: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female **Child's Age as of 9/15/12:** Three Four Five

Legal Guardian: _____ Persons in family or household: _____

List all family members present in household (and the relationship to child): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preschool you wish for your child to attend (Benton County = **B**; Tama County = **T**):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Atkins (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Lutheran (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Crayon Corner (T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Beginnings (B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Beginnings (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> First Lutheran (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Frontier (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Happytime (B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Corner (T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pied Piper (T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pointer Pups (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Raggedy Ann & Andy (T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Mary's (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shellsburg (B) | <input type="checkbox"/> South Tama (T) | <input type="checkbox"/> TLC (B) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Van Horne (B) | | | |

Number of Days per Week: _____

Does your child attend any other preschool programs other than the one listed above? Yes No

How many years of preschool has your child had? None 1 year 2 or more years

Applicants Must Fall Within The Income Guidelines Listed Below To Be Eligible

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

Persons in family or household	100% of poverty	130% of poverty	145% of poverty	150% of poverty	185% of poverty	200% of poverty
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

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 at 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.

Tama County Families Only, further documentation not necessary

Family Qualifies for LIHEAP (Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance Program)

List household income: (*Income of all individuals related to the child by blood or marriage must be listed.*)
A copy of last year's income tax return or W-2's is required as proof of income. Child support income must be provided also.

Name

Annual Gross Income

➤ 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. ***Child must reside in and attend preschool in Benton or Tama County and must attend a participating preschool to be eligible.***

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. Full preschool tuition will then be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

By signing below, you agree to the terms of participation in the Preschool Scholarship Program including Attendance and Co-Payment Requirements and release of information to Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Area for program data collection and reporting.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Funds will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Priority funding may be given to children attending a 4-year-old preschool program.

Applications must be returned to:

Benton County Applications

Heidi Schminke, Co-Director
Better Tomorrows Early Childhood Iowa Area
P.O. Box 516, Vinton, Iowa 52349
319-472-4543 or ccc@bcempowerment.com

Tama County Applications

Mid-Iowa Community Action
105 South State Street
Tama, Iowa 52339
641-484-4713

Questions regarding the Preschool Scholarship Program can be directed to:

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