

Childcare Funding for MSU Students

“Spartan Kids” Program

“Spartan Kids” is a childcare grant that reduces the cost of childcare for Michigan State University students. Priority is given to domestic undergraduate students at Michigan State University who receive or are eligible for the Pell-grant on their Financial Aid Package. Low income international and graduate students may also be eligible if there is no “stay at home” parent in the household. You must provide proof of this at the time of application. You will be required to use one of the childcare providers contracted with the “Spartan Kids” Program.

If you qualify, you will be eligible to receive **\$5,000** worth of childcare per child, per year at one of the contracted “Spartan Kids” locations. This translates into *1,042 hours of free childcare, per child.*

Visit the website at www.frc.msu.edu (click on “Child Care” then “Students with Children”) or call the Family Resource Center at (517) 432-3745. You will need to bring proof of Pell-grant eligibility, proof of income, and proof of DHS assistance such as Medicaid, SNAP, Bridge Card, etc.

MSU Child Care Grant

The MSU Child Care Grant Program provides funds to students with children to reduce the cost of licensed child care during the school year. Students may be eligible to receive up to approximately **\$1,000** per semester, per child.

To be considered you must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time in a degree granting program at MSU.
- Be the parent of a child 12 years old or younger or a child with special needs under the age of 19.
- Incur child care expenses from a licensed provider.
- Demonstrate financial need for this grant as established by your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Visit Michigan State's financial aid website at www.finaid.msu.edu (click on "Students with Children") to download an application. A letter from your childcare provider verifying costs will be required. Contact Chandra Owen or Jennifer Maurer at (517) 353-5940 with questions or concerns.

You may also fill out a "Cost of Attendance Increase" Form in order to apply for additional loan money because you are a student with children. Visit the website above.

Other Programs

City of Lansing Childcare Program

Residents of Lansing may apply for this scholarship if they meet income guidelines and use a licensed child care provider located in Lansing. This scholarship is administered by the Office for Young Children. For more detailed information and application call (517)887-4319, or 1-800-234-6996.

Women's Caring Program, MI4C Association

The WCP is available for families that are not eligible for the Department of Human Services childcare assistance program. They require that the parent(s) work 40 hours per week or attend school full time, or a combination of the two. There are income and other eligibility requirements. Call the 4C Association at 1-800-950-4171 or visit their website at www.womenscaringprogram.org

Department of Human Services

You may be eligible to receive assistance with child-care expenses. To inquire about eligibility call: Ingham County: (517) 887-9400, Clinton County: (989) 224-5500, Shiawasee County: (989) 725-3200, Eaton County: (517) 543-0863.

For More Information, contact:

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