EARLY LEARNING TUITION ASSISTANCE

Information for Kids Collaborative Families

Kids Collaborative offers limited, need-based tuition assistance to help eligible families afford quality, full-time childcare. Awards cover part of regular tuition and depend on eligibility and available funding.

WHO MAY QUALIFY?

Families must demonstrate financial need, apply for Nebraska childcare subsidy, and receive a formal denial. Families who qualify for state subsidy should use that process. Gross household income must fall within 60%-85% of applicable Norfolk Area Median Income (AMI), adjusted for household size. Eligible families may be waitlisted.

ASSISTANCE LEVELS AND WEEKLY TUITION

Household income	Assistance / child / week	Family pays / child / week
60%-75.4% of AMI	50% off tuition ($120)	$120
75.5%-85% of AMI	25% off tuition ($60)	$180

Based on regular tuition of $240 per child per week. Families are responsible for the remaining balance.

GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME RANGES

Board-adopted reference: **$68,304 for a four-person household** (2025 Norfolk AMI). Income is before taxes.

Household size	Adjusted AMI	Up to 50% assistance	Up to 25% assistance
1	$47,813	$28,688 - $36,051	$36,099 - $40,641
2	$54,643	$32,786 - $41,201	$41,255 - $46,447
3	$61,474	$36,884 - $46,351	$46,413 - $52,253
4	$68,304	$40,982 - $51,501	$51,570 - $58,058
5	$73,768	$44,261 - $55,621	$55,695 - $62,703
6	$79,233	$47,540 - $59,742	$59,821 - $67,348
7	$84,697	$50,818 - $63,862	$63,946 - $71,992
8	$90,161	$54,097 - $67,981	$68,072 - $76,637

Chart note: Household-size factors (1-8 people) are 70%, 80%, 90%, 100%, 108%, 116%, 124%, and 132%. These are calculated estimates, not a separately documented board-adopted table; confirm adjustments with the board before eligibility decisions. Amounts are rounded to whole dollars. Verify boundary amounts before final awards.

HOW TO APPLY AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1. Apply. Ask Kids Collaborative staff for the application and current review schedule. Submit copies of proof of subsidy application and formal denial, plus your most recent federal income tax return or the most recent 2-3 pay stubs for each working household member. Additional income verification may be requested.

2. Review. The Tuition Assistance Review Committee reviews applications quarterly, considering eligibility, household income, family size, and available funds.

3. Decision and renewal. Approved assistance is awarded for 12 months. Families must reapply annually with updated income documentation and subsidy status. Awards and renewals are not guaranteed.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Notify Kids Collaborative of significant changes in household income or circumstances. Submit copies, not original documents. Application information is confidential and used to administer the program.

Quarterly application deadlines: January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.

Questions or ready to apply? Contact Kids Collaborative staff.