

UNITED WAY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
**BRIGHTER FUTURES
 CHILDCARE INITIATIVE**
 Scholarship Fund



Applicant Information

1. Is my family eligible?

- Have a child/children under 5 years of age*
- Have a spot secured for your child/children at a licensed childcare program
- Live in Santa Barbara County
- Qualify financially (see table)
- Work during the hours your child receives care
- Contribute more than 15% of gross income for childcare

* Families applying for help covering the cost of care for a foster child should apply through [Alternative Payment Program \(APP\)](#).

Family Size	Minimum Annual Income	Maximum Annual Income
	Upper limit of APP	600% of federal poverty line
2	\$79,144	\$122,640
3	\$89,661	\$154,920
4	\$104,545	\$187,200
5	\$121,272	\$219,480
6	\$137,999	\$251,760
7	\$141,135	\$284,040
8	\$144,271	\$316,320

2. What application materials do I need?

All application materials are submitted through an online portal.

- Application Form
- Unexpired photo ID for all parents or legal guardians
- Copy of most recent federal tax return
- Copy of pay stubs for previous 2-months
- Proof of residence, if not provided on federal tax return or photo ID
- If self-employed, current profit/loss statement and recent business taxes
- If applicable, divorce decree, separation agreement, and/or custody agreement
- If applicable, award letter for any government assistance programs.
- Signed client responsibility agreement
- Recommendation from childcare provider

3. How much financial aid can my family receive?

Monthly financial assistance is designed to bring combined childcare costs down to a reasonable amount. Families are required to contribute a minimum of 15% of gross income for childcare. The amount a family receives is based on several factors, such as, but not limited to:

- The monthly/annual gross income of the family and amount of income spent on childcare
- Number of people in the family
- Number of children under 5 years of age in childcare
- Number of days a week the child attends childcare
- Daily rate of childcare program
- Other financial hardships

The maximum Brighter Futures annual scholarship amount per child is \$20,000

Please apply at <https://unitedwaysb.smapply.us/>

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