



Plymouth Preschool Scholarship Fund

"Funds for Our Youngest Ones"

(Supplement for a 4 year old preschool program)



Awards will be announced: April 12, 2017

The Plymouth Early Childhood Council is proud to offer scholarship funds for families who wish to provide a preschool experience for their four-year-old child.

The Plymouth Early Childhood Council has secured donations from various local community groups and members to **supplement a preschool education** for a four-year-old child residing in the town of Plymouth (including the villages of Terryville and Pequabuck). We understand that the expense of preschool may be a strain on a family's budget; therefore we are committed to helping eligible families reduce the cost through scholarships. This supplement will provide up to 50% of your tuition cost for a period of 10 months. The council will work closely with the programs to ensure that the recipient attends the program at least 75% of the time per month. Everyone is eligible to apply for the scholarship and encouraged to do so by filling out the application in its entirety.

Please note the funds are limited each year. Therefore, applications are on a first come first serve basis.

Applicants must:

- **Be legal residents of the town of Plymouth (including the villages of Terryville and Pequabuck)**
- **Have a four-year-old child currently enrolled (or enrolled no later than September, 2017) in one of the Plymouth preschools listed in the Preschool Scholarship Fund, *Funds for our Youngest Ones* application**
- **Submit a completed application and supporting documents on or before April 5, 2017**

Application and official rules can be downloaded from our website at <http://plymouth.k12.ct.us/PECC>
Please feel free to contact us via email at plymouthearlychildhoodcouncil@plymouthct.us



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Official Rules



There is research to support that a quality early childhood experience helps children succeed in Kindergarten and later grades. Supplemental Scholarships are intended to ensure that the child has a structured preschool experience prior to entering kindergarten. The Committee will work closely with the parent(s)/guardian(s) chosen preschool program to ensure that the child attends this program at a 75% minimum attendance (no more than 5 absences per month without a doctor's note) during the program's school year. Failure to do so will affect your funding.

1 *WHO IS ELIGIBLE:* The Plymouth Preschool Scholarship Fund; Funds for Our Youngest Ones, is available for families who legally reside in the town of Plymouth (including the villages of Terryville and Pequabuck) and have a four-year-old child who is enrolled and/or will be enrolled by **September of 2017** in a **parent/guardian chosen Plymouth preschool program** listed in this application. This scholarship is solely a supplement for a **parent(s)/guardian(s) chosen Plymouth preschool** for families who are not already receiving supplement funding (i.e., Care 4 Kids, Individual program scholarships, School Readiness, etc.)

2 *HOW TO APPLY:* Submit complete application and supporting documents with the attached cover sheet no later than **April 5, 2017**. Limit one (1) application per family.

3 *PRESCHOOLS IN PLYMOUTH:* Plymouth/Terryville provides five (5) different opportunities in the community for a preschool experience. Each one is unique in the programs they offer to the community but only three (3) of them are tuition based. For the purposes of providing the most accurate preschool information we have listed all five (5).

Please be aware that the first three (3) are tuition based and eligible for the funds stated in this document.

Tuition Based (listed alphabetically):

- The Family Resource Center Preschool, 107 North St. Plymouth Ct. 06782
(860) 283-6167
- The Learning Center, 9 N Riverside Ave, Terryville, CT 06786 ·
(860) 583-0143
- Terry Nursery School, 233 Main St, Terryville, CT 06786 ·
(860) 583-8911

No cost programs:

- Plymouth BOE Preschool: **Lottery** Jan Basoli at (860) 314-8003
- Plymouth Head Start Preschool: **Income Based** Pam Vellucci at (860) 689-6832

4 SELECTION PROCESS: Supplement Scholarships will be awarded to families who have proven that a preschool tuition would be a financial hardship. All applications must be received at the United Way of West Central CT, 200 Main Street, #2, Bristol, CT 06010 – Attention: Preschool Scholarship Committee **on or before 3:00 p.m. on April 5, 2017.** United Way of West Central CT is the Administrator of the Scholarship. Incomplete applications will be denied. All applications will be accepted and reviewed individually, impartially and confidentially according to the above criteria on a first come first serve basis. Three qualified judges will select up to two potential award recipients.

5 PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: If awarded a supplement scholarship, families must provide proof of enrollment in a four-year-old Plymouth preschool program. Once verified, the Administrator (United Way of West Central CT) will make payments directly to the parent(s)/guardian(s) chosen Plymouth four-year-old preschool program.



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Plymouth Early Childhood Council's Preschool Scholarship Application

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It is the parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to seek out enrollment eligibility, cost, transportation, services and so forth that fit the family's specific needs.

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Child's Name _____ DOB _____

Household size _____

Name and ages of other children in the house:

Choose **one or more** criteria:

1. Financial needs: Number in household _____ Annual Income _____;
Attach recent W2 or two concurrent pay stubs.
2. Special needs: Provide any documentation done by outside agencies; and
3. Family hardship: Please attach a brief description of hardship.

This application is available for the three preschool programs that are located in the Terryville/Plymouth school district.

The Learning Center

Terry Nursery School

FRC Preschool

School Choice 1st. _____
2nd _____

Completed form and all supporting documentation must arrive at the address listed below, no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 5, 2017.

Mail or hands deliver to: **United Way of West Central CT
200 Main Street, #2
Bristol, CT 06010
Attention: Preschool Scholarship Committee**