



# Julie & Jayson Humble Bright Beginnings Endowed Scholarship

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1 What does a scholarship cover?

Our goal is to provide families with a full year of tuition support for their child to attend a Step Up To Quality-rated preschool. Award amounts may vary based on your family's financial need and the cost of the program. Funds are paid directly to the preschool and cannot be used for transportation, supplies, or other expenses.

### 2 Why must the preschool be Step Up To Quality rated?

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is Ohio's quality rating system for early learning programs. Preschools with this rating meet higher standards in: teacher training, safe and engaging classrooms, and child development practices. We require a Step Up To Quality-rated preschool to ensure your child receives the strongest possible start in school and life.

Not sure if your preschool qualifies? Ask them directly! Or visit [childcaresearch.ohio.gov](http://childcaresearch.ohio.gov) and search by zip code.

### 3 Do I need to live in Barberton?

Yes. This scholarship is for residents of the City of Barberton.

### 4 What income information should I provide?

To help us understand your financial situation, you'll be asked to upload one of the following: your most recent tax return (first two pages only), or two most recent pay stubs for all employed adults in the household, or SNAP or public assistance documentation (such as an award letter). All information is confidential and used solely to determine eligibility.

### 5 What is the employer letter and who needs it?

If you are currently working or actively seeking work, please include a brief letter of support from a current or prospective employer. This letter helps us understand how preschool access supports you as a parent and member of the workforce. It might include: your reliability and work ethic, how preschool availability affects your work hours or career opportunities, support from your employer as you work toward family goals.

### 6 What about reliable transportation?

You'll need to confirm how your child will get to and from preschool each day. This could include a personal vehicle, walking, carpooling, or busing. Just let us know your plan.

### 7 How do I apply?

Visit [Barbertoncf.org](http://Barbertoncf.org) and click GOapply in the top left corner of the home page, or visit:

<https://goapply2.akoyago.com/barbertoncf/identity/account/register?returnUrl=%2Fbarbertoncf>

Register as an Individual to see scholarships. Select "Opportunities" to see open scholarships.

#### Timeline at a Glance

Applications open: July 31, 2025

Deadline to apply: August 30, 2025

Awards announced: Mid-September 2025

Funds disbursed to preschools: Late September 2025

#### Need help or have questions?

We're here for you. If you need help applying, uploading documents, or understanding any part of the process, call us at 330-745-5995.