



Funding

We are pleased to offer Parents who qualify various programs that provide funding and scholarships to children and families.

School Readiness (Offered by the Early Learning Coalition)

The Florida School Readiness Program provides financial assistance to help eligible families pay for early childhood education. This program supports low-income families, single parents, parents who are working or attending school, and parents with disabilities. Parents who think they may qualify should contact the Division of Early Learning for more information about eligibility and how to apply. To get started, visit the website and click on the *Families* tab. <https://www.elcbroward.org/>

Voluntary Pre Kindergarten Program (VPK)

Florida was one of the first states in the country to offer free prekindergarten for all 4-year-olds regardless of family income. To be eligible for VPK, children must live in Florida and be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the current school year. If their fourth birthday falls February 2 through September 1 in a calendar year, parents can postpone enrolling their child in VPK that year and wait until the following year when their child is 5.

The VPK program is ONLY 540 Hours therefore we highly recommend enrolling in the wrap around program to ensure your child is ready for Kindergarten.

To apply click here: <https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com>

How to Get Your Child VPK Certified in Broward County

To enroll your child in the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program, follow these steps:

1. **Visit the Early Learning Coalition of Broward County Website**

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

2. **Start Your VPK Application**

- Scroll down the homepage until you see a green box labeled “**Apply for VPK**”.
- Click the box to begin the application process.

3. **Create an Account**

- If you're a new user, you'll need to register for an account.
- Once registered, log in and begin filling out the required information.

4. Upload Proof of Your Child's Age

Acceptable documents include:

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Immunization record

5. Upload Proof of Broward County Residency

Acceptable documents include:

- Florida driver's license
- Utility bill with your name and address

6. Submit Your Application

- After uploading all necessary documents, submit your application.
- It typically takes 1–2 business days to receive your VPK certificate (voucher).

7. Download and Print Your VPK Certificate

- Log back into your account once you've been approved.
- Download and print the certificate.
- Give the printed copy to your child's preschool to complete the enrollment process.

For MORE information about the VPK Program Click Below:

<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/20625/urlt/VPK-FactSheet.pdf>

Step Up For Students

Step Up is a non-profit organization offers scholarships for children of unique abilities. If your child has a medical diagnosis and is not receiving funds from The Early learning coalition, you may be eligible for a scholarship. Applications open up each year in February. See if your child qualifies – in most cases a doctors note MAY be all that is required. <https://www.stepupforstudents.org>