



2024-2025 First Steps 4K + Child Care Scholarship Application

First Steps 4K partners with the SC Child Care Scholarship Program (SCDSS) to offer First Steps 4K + Child Care scholarships. This scholarship program covers full-time child care scholarships for any sibling, ages 0-3, AND after-school scholarships for any sibling, ages 5-12, living in the home of the First Steps 4K student. In addition, this same scholarship program covers any wrap-around care (before school, after school, holidays, etc.) needed for your First Steps 4K student.

Complete this application to receive your First Steps 4K + Child Care scholarship(s) for each sibling living in your home AND your First Steps 4K student.

Complete this First Steps + Child Care application if either of the following applies to your family:

- 1. Your family has children currently living in your home, ages 0 through 12, in need of full-time or part-time child care. This includes after-school care for school age children.**
- 2. Your First Steps 4K student needs before-care or after-care (wrap-around care) at their First Steps 4K site.**

Applications are reviewed and processed by the SC Child Care Scholarship Program with the SC Department of Social Services. Once your application is reviewed and processed, you will receive additional details by email and US Mail from the SC Child Care Scholarships Program.

First Steps 4K + Child Care Scholarships FAQ

What is the First Steps 4K + Child Care Scholarship Program?

First Steps 4K + Siblings, in partnership with the SC Child Care Scholarship Program will extend child care and after-school scholarships for up to 52 weeks, to any siblings, age 0-12, of a First Steps 4K enrolled student. In addition, this same scholarship program covers any wrap-around care (before school, after school, holidays, etc.) needed for our First Steps 4K students.

Who can receive a First Steps 4K + Child Care scholarship?

Scholarships are available to any child, ages 0-12, who lives in the same home as the First Steps 4K enrolled student, including your 4K student!

There are no siblings in the home. Should I still complete this application?

Yes! This scholarship program covers all wrap-around care (before-care, after-school care, holiday, etc.) for your First Steps 4K enrolled student.

Where can I use my First Steps 4K + Child Care scholarship?

Sibling scholarships can be used at any ABC-Quality participating licensed childcare or afterschool program. To learn more about ABC Quality and see who participates, click [HERE](#).

I am already receiving child care assistance from the SC Child Care Scholarship Program. Do I need to apply for this?

Yes! The SC Child Care Scholarship Program will review your First Steps 4K + Child Care application and determine whether to continue with your current scholarships or start your family's First Steps 4K + Child Care scholarships. The SC Child Care Scholarships Program will determine which scholarship program works best for your family.