



PRESCHOOL ADVANTAGE

Funding early education for local children

Mail completed application to:

Preschool Advantage Inc.
25 Lindsley Drive, Suite 307
Morristown, NJ 07960
Tel. 973-532-2501 Fax 973-455-7815
Email: program@preschooladvantage.org

APPLICATION

2nd Round Due Date: April 1, 2019

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PRESCHOOL ADVANTAGE, YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND FORMS.

DO NOT MAIL YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL ALL PARTS ARE COMPLETED.

Check the boxes below, as each part is completed:

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Part 1** Applicant Information
- Part 2** Family Information
- Part 3** Family Income Information
 - A copy of a completed/signed federal tax return (1040) – 2017 or 2018 only
 - A copy of 2018 W-2 form(s) for each parent/guardian
 - A copy of a current paycheck stub for each parent/guardian

IF YOU ARE SELF EMPLOYED, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- A copy of two years of completed/signed federal tax returns – 2017 and 2018

(If the requested financial information is not available, please contact us at 973-532-2501.)

- Part 4** School Information
- Part 5** Other Information
- Part 6** Agreement Form
- Part 7** Disclaimer Form
- Part 8** Recommendation Form
 - From someone familiar with the family – (Not a family member)

Applications are reviewed during March and April. You will be contacted once the review process is complete.

If accepted, a \$75 fee is due to Preschool Advantage.

*The final acceptance to any preschool program is at the sole discretion of the school. Preschool Advantage will not be involved in, nor will it try to influence, any school in its final selection. Late applications will be considered on a rolling basis **and** if there are spaces remaining.*

PART 1 APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Age by October 1, 2019: _____

Does the applicant have:

- Health Issues Yes No Explain _____
- Disability/handicap Yes No Explain _____

Has there been a recommendation for early intervention? Yes No

Is there any additional health information that Preschool Advantage should be aware of? (e.g. physical issues, chronic disease, speech delay, allergies)

Has the Applicant attended preschool or childcare? Yes No

If yes, please complete below:

School/Child Care Facility _____ Dates _____

Days/week _____ #Hours/Day _____

Monthly cost _____ Financial assistance received (per month) _____

What will the Applicant do during the day if not funded by Preschool Advantage?

PART 2

FAMILY INFORMATION

Address (applicant's primary address)

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Legal Custodian: Yes No Preferred email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Type of phone (check one): Home Work Cell

Preferred contact (check one): Phone Text Email

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Would you prefer a translator when speaking to us? Yes No

Highest Level of education (check one): 8th Grade High School Some College College Masters Other

Occupation: _____ Job Title: _____

Employer: _____ Length of Time with Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Previous Employer: _____ Length of Time with Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Is this parent/guardian contributing financially to the Applicant's upbringing? Yes No

If not working, will you go back to work if child is in preschool?

Yes No If yes: Full Time Part Time

Parent/Guardian 2 Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Legal Custodian: Yes No Preferred email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Type of phone (check one): Home Work Cell

Preferred contact (check one): Phone Text Email

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Would you prefer a translator when speaking to us? Yes No

PART 2

FAMILY INFORMATION (cont.)

Highest Level of education (check one): 8th Grade High School Some College College Masters Other

Occupation: _____ Job Title: _____

Employer: _____ Length of Time with Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Previous Employer: _____ Length of Time with Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Is this parent/guardian contributing financially to the Applicant's upbringing? Yes No

If not working, will you go back to work if child is in preschool?

Yes No If yes: Full Time Part Time

Is there another Parent/Guardian living in another location?

Yes No *If yes, complete below:*

Relationship to applicant: _____

Legal Custodian: Yes No

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Is this parent/guardian contributing financially to the Applicant's upbringing?

Yes Amount/month \$ _____ No

Other members living in Applicant's Household (brothers, sisters, grandparents etc.)

| Name | Relationship to Applicant | Age | School or Occupation |
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Check if there are no other family members in the household

Part 3 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income – Money coming to you (before taxes)

| Category | Parent/Guardian 1 | Parent/Guardian 2 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2018 Salary/Wages per month | | |
| 2018 Unemployment per month | | |
| 2018 Disability/Workers Comp per month | | |
| 2018 Social Security per month | | |
| 2018 TANF/Cash Assistance per month | | |
| 2018 Child Support per month | | |
| 2018 Alimony per month | | |
| 2018 Veterans Benefits per month | | |
| 2018 Retirement pension per month | | |
| 2018 Other per month (specify) | | |
| _____ | | |
| _____ | | |
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Do you receive:

SNAP: Yes No Amount received per month \$ _____

Housing Voucher: Yes No Amount received per month \$ _____

Child Care Subsidy (“Voucher”): Yes No Amount received per month \$ _____

Medicaid: Yes No

NJ Family Cares: Yes No

PART 3

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (cont.)

Expenses – Money Going Out

Rent/Mortgage

Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own

What is the MONTHLY payment for rent or mortgage? \$ _____

Do you pay the full rent/mortgage amount? Yes No

If no, amount that you pay \$ _____ Who pays the balance? _____

Other Expenses

Do you make scheduled payments on student loans? Yes No Amount \$ _____ Frequency _____

Do you make scheduled payments on medical debt? Yes No Amount \$ _____ Frequency _____

Do you have financial obligations not described previously that affects your ability to pay for preschool? Please explain:

PART 4

School Information

Please list preferred preschools from the attached school list. You will find the list of available schools in attachment 1 at the end of the application form. We will accommodate your request to the best of our ability:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Please note: you must be able to transport your child to the school on a daily basis

Preschool Advantage pays only for a half-day of preschool. Do you need a school that offers a full day program where you would pay for additional hours?

Yes No

(If yes, some schools offer additional hours, HOWEVER, you are responsible for payment for any additional hours.)

PART 5

OTHER INFORMATION

Have any other family members received Preschool Advantage or Project Acorn assistance?

Yes No

If yes, list name(s) and year(s): _____

Have you applied for other financial assistance for preschool?

Head Start: Yes No Status: _____

Public Preschool: Yes No Status: _____

Child Care Subsidy ("Voucher"): Yes No Status: _____

Other: Yes No Status: _____

How did you learn about Preschool Advantage? (check all that apply)

Social Media Source: _____

House of Worship Name: _____

Friend Name: _____

Childcare/School Name: _____

Flyer Where: _____

Preschool Advantage Family Name: _____

Other (explain) _____

DEMOGRAPHICS – FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY

Preschool Advantage is dedicated to providing tuition assistance to children of diverse backgrounds. The information below will not be used in the decision to award financial assistance. It is used for statistical purposes only. Check one.

Caucasian / Blanco Europeo

Hispanic / Hispano

African American / Africano Americano

Asian / Asiático

Other / Otro _____

Part 6

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT FORM

1. Preschool Advantage provides financial assistance for a HALF DAY preschool program for three- and four-year-olds from September through June. When your child reaches five years of age or qualifies for public school prekindergarten and kindergarten, he/she will no longer be eligible for Preschool Advantage assistance.
2. If the child is selected for inclusion in any other program offering preschool tuition assistance, including but not limited to Head Start, the child is no longer eligible for assistance from Preschool Advantage and the parents/guardians must notify Preschool Advantage immediately so that the space may be offered to another child on the waiting list.
3. Preschool Advantage funds attendance only for half-day programs. In the event the child attends a school that offers a full-day program or an aftercare program, and the parent/guardian opts to enroll the child for additional hours, the parent/guardian is responsible for any associated fee(s) beyond the half-day program.
4. Parent/guardian will be responsible for providing transportation to and from school.
5. Parent/guardian will abide by all guidelines, rules and policies of the selected preschool.
6. Child must attend school regularly except for excused illness. Absences of more than 2 weeks in duration, may result in Preschool Advantage ending its assistance for the child.
7. Parent/guardian must attend Preschool Advantage orientation.
8. Parent/guardian must sign a disclaimer form releasing Preschool Advantage from any liability.
9. Upon acceptance by Preschool Advantage and the preschool, the parent/guardian **must pay a \$75.00 registration fee** to Preschool Advantage.

Please acknowledge your understanding of Preschool Advantage's terms by signing this page.

I understand and agree that failure to comply with the above agreement may result in removal of Preschool Advantage's financial support for my child. I attest that all the forgoing information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Preschool Advantage will withdraw funding if misrepresentations are discovered on the application.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

PART 7 DISCLAIMER

Preschool Advantage is not affiliated with, has no contract with, has no ability to influence, and is not an agent of any participating preschools that assisted children attend. Preschool Advantage makes no warranties, express or implied, relating to said participating schools, including, but not limited to statements or warranties as to the condition of the premises and facility, qualifications, fitness and/or capabilities of teachers or school staff. Preschool Advantage has no involvement in or responsibility for any third party vendors hired by or contracted with the preschools.

The decision to accept a child for a particular preschool program rests exclusively with said preschool; the decision to place a child in a particular preschool rests solely with said child's parent(s) and/or guardian(s). Preschool Advantage only provides funding for tuition for eligible and participating children and therefore disclaims any liability for any loss, damage, or injury that may result from any action or inaction by said participating schools, their officers, employees, agents, vendors, and any other representatives thereof, whether negligent, intentional, or otherwise.

I understand and agree that failure to comply with the above disclaimer may result in removal of Preschool Advantage's financial support for my child.

I have read and consent to the terms set forth in the above Disclaimer.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date



PART 8 Recommendation Form

As part of the application process for funding from Preschool Advantage, please submit this recommendation form completed by someone who knows the applicant and the family and is NOT a family member. The most useful recommendations come from teachers, therapists, social workers, doctors, or others who know both the child and the family.

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| Name of Applicant: |
| Your Name: |
| Your Telephone Number: |
| Your Address: |
| Your Profession: |
| What is your relation to this family? |
| How long have you known this family? |
| Please describe the applicant and their relationship with their family: |
| How will preschool benefit <u>this particular child</u> ? Are there any developmental needs that would be helped by this child's attendance at preschool? |
| Are you aware of any hardship this family is experiencing that would help us with our selection process? |

Signature

Date

Please return this form to the child's family. If you have any questions, please contact the Preschool Advantage office at 973-532-2501.

ATTACHMENT: PRESCHOOL ADVANTAGE PARTICIPATING PRESCHOOLS

Basking Ridge

www.thpreschool.com

The Tree House preschool is a nurturing and creative preschool that encourages the development of each child's social, emotional and academic potential. Accepting children ages 2 to 5, The Tree House's goal is to provide an experience that is fun, educational, meaningful and developmentally appropriate for each child. **Program: 3, 4 or 5 days**

THE TREEHOUSE

1 East Oak Street, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

908-221-1619

Jen Nowack, Director

Bernardsville

www.sjotm.org/#/st-johns-nursery-school

St. John's Nursery School offers an organized, educational environment that focuses on the development of the "whole" child. Our certified, experienced teachers use the creative curriculum to enhance each child's social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and physical skills. We partner with parents to develop the child's independence, self-confidence, and love of learning. **Program: 3 or 5 days**

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL

379 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

908-766-0374

Kathy Tober, Interim Director

www.steschool.org

The School of Saint Elizabeth provides students with a strong academic foundation, stimulates intellectual curiosity, encourages creativity and fosters self-respect. Children are encouraged to grow in knowledge, love and faith in a Catholic tradition of academic excellence. The School is committed to providing a supportive environment for all children and their families, and values racial, religious and ethnic diversity. **Program: 3 or 5 days**

SCHOOL OF ST. ELIZABETH

30 Seney Drive, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

908-766-0244

Sharon Lynch, Director

www.thepalmerschool.com

The Palmer School is a private, non-profit educational facility of the Bernardsville United Methodist Church. The school has been in operation since September, 1982, and a select number of child care institutions nationally accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (**NAEYC**.) The Palmer School provides care and education for children focusing on the needs of the total child according to his or her developmental readiness. Therefore, all programs include activities in the areas of math, science, creative arts, movement, imaginative play, play with manipulative toys, pre-reading and language development. **Program: 3, 4 or 5 days**

THE PALMER SCHOOL

22 Church Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

908-766-3353

Shannon Vincenti, Director

Bridgewater

www.preschoolplace.com

The Preschool Place provides a developmentally appropriate, nurturing environment to promote social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth, as well as a positive self-image and a love of learning. **Program: 2, 3 or 5 days**

THE PRESCHOOL PLACE & KINDERGARTEN

594 North Bridge Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

908-722-0101

Carol Rubnitz, Director

Chester

www.thedogwoodschooll.com

The Dogwood School of Chester provides early childhood education for children two through six. Located in a quiet, residential neighborhood in Chester Township, it provides a peaceful, home-like environment and is the natural transition for a child's first school experience. **Program: 3, 4 or 5 days**

THE DOGWOOD SCHOOL OF CHESTER

8 Dogwood Drive, Chester, NJ 07930

908-879-7477

Lisa Robbins, Director

Denville

www.unionhillchurchpreschool.org

Union Hill Church Preschool provides a secure loving environment with small class sizes for children. The nurturing and experienced staff provides a variety of developmentally appropriate materials, activities and experiences that encourage a balance of academic and social growth. **Program: 2, 3, 4 or 5 days**

UNION HILL CHURCH PRESCHOOL

427 Franklin Road Denville, NJ 07834

973-361-5983

Jill Head, Director

Dover

www.elprimerpaso.org

El Primer Paso is a NAEYC-accredited, bilingual preschool program designed to build children's kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers and bilingual staff help children develop language, social and communication skills while supporting families with culturally competent parent engagement and education programs. Family resources include full-day and after-school programs. **Program: 2, 3 or 5 days**

EL PRIMER PASO, LTD.

29 Segur St. Dover, NJ 07801

973-361-0880

Milagros Castro, Director

Jefferson

www.jeffersonchildcare.org

Jefferson Child Care & Education Center provides an environment that offers children opportunities to grow and learn through a developmentally appropriate curriculum, which recognizes and addresses the needs of each child who develops physically, emotionally and socially at their own individual pace. **Program: 2, 3 or 5 days**

JEFFERSON CHILD CARE & EDUCATION CENTER

29 Nolan's Point Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

973-663-2704

Nikki Duda, Director

Madison

www.madisonmontessorinj.org

MADISON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

19 Green Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940

973-966-9544

Terry Armstrong, Director

Madison Montessori School is a not-for-profit school that provides children with an authentic Montessori education in a creative and caring environment. The experienced Montessori teaching staff and student/teacher ratio is key to accommodating the many levels of ability in the classroom. The program is 5-half days per week for children 3- to 6- years of age. **Program: 5 days.**

RAINBOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

www.rainbowmontessorinj.com

4 Madison Ave, Madison, New Jersey 07940

973-377-0135

Pam Petrillo, Director

A nonsectarian Montessori nursery school whose program is based on a unique balance between the benefits of the Montessori Method and the ideals of traditional nursery school. It is implemented through five areas of education: art program, music program, gym area, Montessori classroom and practical life room. Children spend time in traditional nursery school activities as well as progressing individually in the Montessori environment each day. **Program: 3, 4 or 5 days**

THE F.M. KIRBY CHILDREN'S CENTER

<http://www.madisonareaymca.org>

54 East Street, Madison, New Jersey 07940

973-377-4945

Harriet McCarter, Director

The F.M. Kirby Children's Center of the Madison Area YMCA is a state-renowned childhood development center serving families throughout the area. Located in a former elementary school, the Kirby Center boasts spacious classrooms, a full size gym, a kitchen that serves healthy meals and snacks, and extensive playground facilities. **Program: 3, 4 or 5 days**

Mendham

www.westmontmontessori.org

THE WESTMONT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

577 Route 24, Mendham, NJ 07945

908-879-6355

Colette Cross, Director

Westmont fosters a culture of joyful learning, acceptance, belonging and family. The goal is to prepare children for life, and goes hand in hand with Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy of guiding and developing the potential in every child. The school partners with parents who want a strong educational foundation. **Program: 2, 3 or 5 days**

Morristown

www.childrenonthegreen.org

CHILDREN ON THE GREEN

50 Park Place, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

973-984-0094

Christine Wyckoff, Director

Children on the Green recognizes that all children develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially at their own individual pace. We offer an environment rich with materials, ideas, and caring supportive adults. Daily experiences will match the child's developing abilities and challenge the child's interest and understanding. **Program: 5 days**

THE NURSERY SCHOOL OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **973-540-1114**

www.pcmorristown.org/ministries/gather/children/nursery-school 65 South St, Morristown, NJ 07960

Jeanne Mueller, Director

A traditional nursery school whose goal is to develop a positive self-image and attitude towards learning and to foster growth in all aspects of a child's development including: social and emotional well-being, physical ability and cognitive development. Individuality is stressed and respected. The program provides a stimulation and prepares all children well for their next journey in Kindergarten. Presbyterian Church Nursery School is a great place to start! **Program: 3 or 4 days**

THE FRANCES & HERBERT BRODY PRESCHOOL OF TEMPLE B'NAI OR **973-267-6424**

www.templebnaior.org

60 Overlook Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Jennie Rubin, Director

The Frances & Herbert Brody Pre-School of Temple B'nai Or is a national award winning, developmentally appropriate preschool that offers creative, modern learning for children ages 24 months through age 5 (Pre-Kindergarten). A warm and nurturing environment provides the perfect setting for children to learn and grow. A dynamic, experienced, and certified staff utilizes a multitude of techniques to engage your child cognitively and socially. Children learn about Jewish holidays and values as part of the innovative, and expansive curriculum. A spacious facility allows for safe outdoor and indoor play, regardless of weather. Half day and full day school and camp programs are offered September through July. Temple B'nai Or Preschool welcomes people of all faiths. This is a nut free/allergy friendly school. **Program: 3 or 5 days**

Morris Plains

www.joyfulnoisemorrisplains.org

JOYFUL NOISE NURSERY SCHOOL

400 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains, NJ 07950

973-539-9514

Jane Whitehead, Director

Joyful Noise is a traditional nursery school that provides children with an enriched Christian educational program. Each child is encouraged to develop in the areas of language arts, social studies, mathematics, science and all of the creative expressions. **Program: 2, 3, 4 or 5 days**

MORRIS PLAINS COOPERATIVE PLAY SCHOOL

www.morrisplainsco-op.org

8 Cleveland Ave., Morris Plains, NJ 07950

973-540-1537

Betsy McKeever, Director

Morris Plains Cooperative Play School is a nonsectarian cooperative with certified teachers that gives parents an opportunity to take an active and regular role in the classroom if they wish to do so. The child's time is divided between child-directed free activities and teacher-directed organized activities, both coinciding with a set curriculum. **Program: 3 or 4 days**

Mountain Lakeswww.mlclds.com

The mission of Mountain Lakes Country Day School is to ensure the highest quality early care and education in a safe, nurturing environment, recognizing the responsibility to all children to providing a setting that is responsive to children's needs and respectful of each child's individuality. The school provides children with numerous and varied developmentally appropriate experiences and opportunities that foster a sense of self-worth and competence. Full and part-time classes are available. **Program: 2, 3 or 5 days**

MOUNTAIN LAKES COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

356 Route 46 East, Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

973-983-9831

Diana Grisi, Director

Mt. Olive / Flanderswww.mtolivechildcare.org

Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center's Preschool Program is nationally accredited and 4-star rated and offers developmentally appropriate learning experiences to support intellectual (language, math, and science), social and emotional, and physical (fine and gross motor skills, creative art, music and movement) areas of development. The mission is to provide affordable, quality child care and education and family support services to the community, regardless of income. **Program: 3 days (Note: extended day programs also offered)**

MT. OLIVE CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER INC.

150 Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828

973-426-1525

Gail Reuther, Director

Parsippanywww.allsaintspar.org

All Saints Academy is a nationally accredited STEM school of the Diocese of Paterson and is founded in the Catholic tradition of academic excellence. It is committed to fostering each child's first school experience as nurturing, productive and fun. The early childhood center is led by certified teachers that provide developmentally appropriate lessons and experiences and engage young learners to grow intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically. Centrally located in Parsippany, All Saints Academy is a diverse and welcoming community for students in Preschool through Grade 8.

Program: 4 or 5 days.**ALL SAINTS ACADEMY**

189 Baldwin Road, Parsippany NJ 07054

973-334-4704

Judith Berg, Principal

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE AT ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCHwww.childrenscircleparsippany.org

Children's Circle is a Christian day care center and is an outreach by the congregation to serve the community. The curriculum, staffing, and atmosphere reflect Christian values such as love, respect, and acceptance of all persons as children of God.

Program: 4 or 5 days

335 Reynolds Ave., Parsippany, NJ 07054

973-884-3652

Danielle Mautone, Director

www.parpreschurch.com

Hearts and Hands Preschool offers an exceptional preschool program for children aged 2 ½ to 5. **Program: 2, 3, or 5 days**

HEARTS AND HANDS PRESCHOOL

1675 Route 46, Parsippany, NJ 07054

973-257-5550

Scott Walder, Director

Pine Brook<http://www.pinebrooklearningcenter.com>

Learning Garden Academy provides exceptional early childhood education through developmentally appropriate activities, materials and approaches. Our teachers are warm and nurturing and provide a culture where kindness, mindfulness, empathy and self-regulation are emphasized. Our goal is to provide a secure environment where children happily grow in their love of learning.

Program: 3, 4 or 5 days**LEARNING GARDEN ACADEMY**

330Changebridge Road, #201, Pine Brook, NJ 07058

973-575-8500

Annette Myers, Director

Succasunnawww.hillsidepreschoolnj.com

The programs at Hillside are designed to encourage each child to thrive in the soil of learning and imagination through appropriate activities, reflecting the unique individuals God created them to be. **Program: 2, 3, 4 or 5 days**

HILLSIDE PRESCHOOL

113b South Hillside Avenue. Succasunna, NJ 07876

973-584-6040

Jessica Lines, Director