Fast-Track Child Care Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

What can I provide to show proof of school or training enrollment?
For those household members who reported education and/or training as an activity, they must upload a copy of their current school/training schedule on school letterhead to verify days and hours of classes for each household member.

What can I provide to show proof of residency/address?
Type of documents accepted as proof of address for the applicant:
• Most recently issued utility bill
• Lease Agreement
• Mortgage Statement
• A Maryland driver’s license with the address used on the Scholarship application.

What is the additional information and documentation that I will need to provide to see if I am eligible for a 52-week Scholarship?
If you have been issued a temporary Scholarship you will be asked to provide:
1. Proof of all income
2. Proof of Citizenship or Qualified Alien Status
3. Documentation of ‘Other Benefits’
4. Proof of identity
Click on each to learn more about what is required.

1. **Proof of Income** - For household members who reported employment/work as an activity, you must upload the most recent pay stubs representing four weeks of consecutive wages for each household member.

You will need to provide all documents or statements that verify the additional or "other" income received by each household member.
Types of “other” income to include:
• Alimony
• Armed Services Pay
• Social Security (SS) Benefits
• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
• Self-Employment (Please see form: Self-Attestation of Self Employment Form.)
• Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
• Tips/Commission Pay
• Unemployment Benefits
• Veterans Assistance/Benefits
• Workers Compensation
2. **Proof of Citizenship** or Qualified Alien Status
Types of documents accepted as proof of citizenship or qualified alien status for all children requesting a Child Care Scholarship.
For Proof of Citizenship:
- U.S. birth certificate for children requesting a Child Care Scholarship (for proof of U.S. citizenship.)
- If not a U.S. citizen, please provide proof of enrollment in Head Start (for children requesting a Child Care Scholarship.)
- A current Maryland driver’s license.
For Qualified Alien Status (for children you are requesting child care for):
- Permanent resident card
- Reentry permit
- Employment authorization document

3. **Documentation of 'Other Benefits'** such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP,) Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA,) Welfare Avoidance Grant (WAG,) Guaranteed Basic Income and/or Housing Assistance (GBI)
For those applicants who report receiving either SNAP (food stamps), WIC, TCA, WAG, GBI and/or Housing Assistance, please provide a copy of your eligibility statement and/or housing voucher receipt for each benefit type you receive.

4. **Proof of identity** (a current government issued document such as a Passport or valid driver’s license) for every adult household member. Applicant and co-applicant (if applicable) must provide a photo ID. If there are any other household members included in your household count who are not requesting child care, you must provide a birth certificate for each household member to document proof of relationship to the adults in the household.

**I am a migrant worker, how can I prove my employment status?**
For those applicants who identify as a migrant worker, please provide documentation from your employer that verifies your status.

**I’m experiencing homelessness, what can I do to prove this?**
For those applicants who reported experiencing homelessness, please provide a letter on an agency letterhead or documents that confirm the level of homelessness you marked on the CCS application.
I am an Emancipated Minor, what can I provide as proof of my Emancipation?
For those applicants who identify as an emancipated minor, please provide documentation that verifies you are financially responsible for yourself and are making decisions as an adult.

If I am not able to receive a full, 52-week scholarship, do I have to pay back the money paid to my child care provider for the 60-day scholarship?
No, you will not have to pay back the money if the information provided on your fast-track application was correct, and the child attended child care.

What is a qualifying disability?
"Child with a disability" means a child who has been diagnosed as being physically or mentally incapable of self-care appropriate to the age of the child, as verified by the State, based on a determination by a physician, a licensed or certified psychologist, or a licensed social worker.