Information & Application • Spring/Summer 2019

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Child Care Subsidy Program provides funds to students with children to assist them in meeting the cost of licensed child care.

This application is also available on the web at finaid.umich.edu/childcare.

Who is eligible to receive the subsidy:

To be considered for the Spring/Summer 2019 Child Care Subsidy, you must meet ALL of the following criteria:

☐ Be enrolled at least half-time in a University of Michigan-Ann Arbor degree program at either the undergraduate, graduate, or professional level, or be enrolled in a non-degree program with a defined educational objective. Please note that:

• Students who are not in a degree program must complete a 2018-2019 Non-Candidate for Degree Questionnaire, available on the web.

• Graduate students with approved Detached Study status may satisfy the half-time enrollment requirement (you must be officially placed in Detached Study before your application can be processed). Doctoral students who are not enrolled or on Detached Study but are actively pursuing research or completing a dissertation may be eligible if their academic pursuits equate to at least half-time enrollment (must complete a Child Care Subsidy Ph.D Student Non-Enrollment Certification Form, available on the web).

☐ Have a dependent child 12 years old or younger or a dependent child with special needs under the age of 19.

☐ Incur child care expenses from a child care provider that is licensed by the state of Michigan. If your program is not found on the state of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs database, it will not qualify for the U-M Child Care Subsidy. Visit www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs_cdc/sr_lfl.asp. Note: You may apply even if you are not currently using a licensed child care provider. If you are awarded a subsidy, you must change to a care provider licensed by the State of Michigan and use the licensed provider’s services for at least 75 percent of each term for which you receive the subsidy.

☐ Demonstrate financial need for this subsidy (see the reverse side for information on financial need and eligibility).

☐ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, as defined by the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (finaid.umich.edu/SAP).

☐ Be a single parent or, if married, have a spouse who is a student (enrolled at least half-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program) or is gainfully employed and earning income for a minimum of 20 hours per week (or a combination of school and work). You may be asked to document your spouse’s employment or student status. (U-M will make an exception to employment criteria for a non-student spouse who cannot work due to a disability. Please note this on your application so your situation may be considered.)

How much is the subsidy award?

The amount of Child Care Subsidy awarded to eligible applicants is based on their financial need, the number of children they have enrolled in licensed care facilities, their child care expenses, and available funding.

Estimated subsidy amounts for Spring/Summer 2019:

1 For ONE child, the award maximum is $2,830 per 16-week term ($1,415 per half term).

2 For TWO children, the award maximum is $4,144 per 16-week term ($2,072 per half term).

3 For THREE OR MORE children, the award maximum is $5,463 per 16-week term ($2,731 per half term).

Note: A term is the full Spring/Summer term (combined Spring half-term and Summer half-term). Applicants will be notified in writing of their eligibility for the subsidy and the amount they will receive. The subsidy amount cannot exceed the cost of your licensed child care.

How eligibility for the subsidy is determined:

You must demonstrate financial need to be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy program. Financial need is calculated as follows:

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\text{Estimated Cost of Attendance} = \text{Expected Family Contribution} + \text{Available Resources}
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\text{Demonstrated Financial Need} = \text{Estimated Cost of Attendance} - \text{Expected Family Contribution} + \text{Available Resources}
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Estimated Cost of Attendance: This estimated amount includes tuition, fees (if enrolled), an allowance for books and supplies, a reasonable allowance for living expenses, and child care expenses as reported on the Child Care Subsidy Application.

Expected Family Contribution/Available Resources: The Office of Financial Aid calculates this estimated amount from the information you submit on the Child Care Subsidy Application, your tax returns, and the FAFSA or International Student Financial Data Form. The calculation is based on such items as your earnings; checking, savings, cash, and money market accounts; investments and real estate holdings other than your family’s primary residence; business equity; untaxed income; income from assistantships; and other financial aid you are receiving through your academic department and the Office of Financial Aid.
How to apply:

If you submitted these forms previously to apply for assistance through our office, do NOT submit them again.

Submit to the federal processor: The 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (available online at https://fafsa.ed.gov or by calling 1-800-4-FEDAIID). List Federal School Code 002325 so that a copy will be sent to U-M. The FAFSA may be completed only by U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Submit to the Office of Financial Aid:

• Spring/Summer 2019 Child Care Subsidy Application (on page 3).
• Copies of your and your spouse’s signed 2017 federal income tax returns (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR, 1040NR-EZ, or Form 8843) or a 2017 Non-Filing Statement, both available on Wolverine Access. This form must be completed by students who are not required to file income tax returns based on IRS income requirements.
• International Students: In addition to the Child Care Subsidy Application listed above, you will need to complete and submit the 2018-2019 International Student Financial Data Form, available from OFA and on the web at finaid.umich.edu/childcare.

When to apply:

Students may apply for the 2019 Spring and Summer terms beginning in February. We encourage you to apply by March 15, 2019, so that your eligibility can be determined and notification can be sent to you after April 1, 2019.

Funding for the Spring and Summer terms may be limited.* Applicants will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, you are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible. Students who apply after March 15, 2019, may be denied funding if all funds have been committed to applicants who applied earlier.

*Students who are appointed as GSIs or GSSAs during a period in which they may be eligible for a child care subsidy should consult the child care subsidy provisions of the labor contract between the University of Michigan and the Graduate Employees Organization. See http://www.hr.umich.edu/sites/default/files/geo-contract.pdf. Visit www.geo3550.org for the GEO website and organization’s contact information.

Receiving subsidy funds:

If your application for the Child Care Subsidy is approved:

1. You will be asked to submit documentation of your child care expenses and your child care provider’s state licensure using a Verification of Licensed Child Care form. The completed form will be made available on Wolverine Access and must be submitted before the subsidy can be disbursed to you.

2. Funds will be disbursed in the form of a check payable to you. If you have authorized direct deposit, funds will be deposited to your bank account.

If you have questions or need assistance:

If you need help with completing the FAFSA or if you have questions about the Child Care Subsidy, staff members in the Office of Financial Aid can assist you. Contact us by phone at (734) 763-6600 or by email at: financial.aid@umich.edu. The application and other forms are available on our website at finaid.umich.edu/childcare. You may also visit our office for walk-in advising. See finaid.umich.edu/contact-us for office locations and hours.
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Detach and submit this application to the Office of Financial Aid. Retain the information sheet for your reference.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) ___________________________ UMID Number (8 Digits) ___________________________

NOTE: We will correspond with you using your current, local address in Wolverine Access. All email correspondence will be sent to your umich account. Please be sure your information is updated.

Phone Number ___________________________

1. For which term(s) are you requesting the Child Care Subsidy?
   □ Spring: 8-week class(es), May–June □ Summer: 8-week class(es), July–August □ Spring/Summer: 16-week class(es), May–August

2. Number of credit hours in which you will be enrolled each term:
   Spring Half-Term___________ Summer Half-Term___________ Spring/Summer Full-Term___________

3. If not enrolled, are you on Detached Study?  □ Yes □ No — If yes, you must fully process your Detached Study request and be officially placed in Detached Study Status (by the Registrar) before your Child Care Subsidy Application can be processed.

4. If you are not enrolled and not on Detached Study, have you completed and submitted the Child Care Subsidy Ph.D Student Non-Enrollment Certification Form?  □ Yes □ No

5. Your marital status: □ Married □ Other

6. Answer these questions only if you are married: Spouse’s name: ___________________________
   Is your spouse employed? □ Yes □ No If yes, indicate the number of hours your spouse works per week: ___________
   Name and address of spouse’s employer: ___________________________
   Is your spouse a student? □ Yes □ No If yes, at which institution? ___________________________
   UMID number (if a student at University of Michigan) ___________________________
   Number of credit hours in which your spouse will enroll: Spring______ Summer______ Spring/Summer______ TOTAL ________

7. Information about your dependent child(ren) who will be enrolled in State of Michigan-licensed child care:
   If necessary, continue your list on reverse side.

   Name: ___________________________ Last 4 digits of child Social Security Number: (OPTIONAL) ___________________________ Age: ___________________________
   Monthly Child Care Costs: (REQUIRED) $_________
   $_________
   $_________

8. Information about your Child Care Provider(s): (REQUIRED)
   Name: ___________________________ State of Michigan Child Care License Number: ___________________________
   Note: See attached reference sheet regarding Summer Camps.

9. Statement of Understanding
   □ I certify that I meet all the eligibility criteria listed in the instructions for this form.
   □ I understand that changes in my enrollment status may result in the reduction or cancellation of my award.
   □ I understand that scholarships, fellowships, GSRA, GSSA, GSI, and any other source of financial aid that may be posted to my account after the Child Care Subsidy is awarded may reduce or eliminate my eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy.
   □ I understand that it is my responsibility to report to the Office of Financial Aid any changes in my child care arrangements or costs during the term(s) for which I am awarded the Child Care Subsidy.
   □ I certify that all statements relating to this application are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that intentional misrepresentation may result in cancellation and repayment of my Child Care Subsidy.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________