# Child Care Scholarship Application on the Benefits Portal

Instructions how to complete and submit the online child care application. If you need assistance, after viewing this User Manual, please call 800-476-0199



# Client Main Screen https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov



# **Creating an Account**



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#### **Child Care Scholarships**

The Child Care Scholarships Program helps families afford child care so parents may work, go to school, or get job training. If you are working, in school, or in training and meet the income guidelines based on your family size, you may qualify for child care scholarships. Income Guidelines - Child Care Scholarships - SC Child Care Services

You may apply for Child Care scholarships by clicking on the green button below:



# South Carolina Client Eligibility System - SCCES

SCCES is an online portal for South Carolinians to apply for food and cash assistance programs. This is a fast, easy, and secure way to apply for benefits-anytime and anywhere!

View applications or Apply Now

#### Pathways Scholarship Program

PATHWAYS is an employment and training program that provides scholarships to SNAP clients who wish to further their education and to gain skills and certifications that can lead to employment.

You can apply right now for the Pathway Scholarship Program.

View applications or Apply Now

Once the client logs in, this is the first screen they see. They will need to click on View/Apply for Child Care Financial Assistance.

#### Child Care Scholarships Application Queue

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Until the application is submitted, the client has the option to edit it. They will also be able to edit if it is sent back as incomplete.

Once the application is submitted, the applicant cannot edit it however, they will be able to view it and download it as a PDF file for their records.

Gives a description of the status

Statuses are updated automatically on the applicant side when it is changed on the staff side.

**Reasons** provide the applicant with the incomplete or denial reason for their application. They will automatically receive emails with this information as well.

# This is the first page of the application. It gives the client their rights and responsibilities.

#### /SCCCA/Application/Screening

#### 📮 Getting Started

- 🔉 💄 Applicant
- 🔉 📇 My Household
- > \$ Income Details
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#### Getting Started

This Application is about the applicant, their household members, income and children who need child care services. It should only take about 20 Minutes.

Before you start you may need following information to help you complete this process.

- Birth date
- Social Security Numbers
- Income

Please view the DSS Contact list page for any questions here Click Here .

#### **Rights and Responsibilities**

#### **Applicant Rights**

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#### The is the bottom of the first page, and advises the client of all **required** documents they will need to provide with their application.



exit the application without losing information.

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The application should be completed by the parent/guardian.

If you are applying for child care assistance for a foster child, it should be completed in the foster child's name.



Contact Information					
Has the family been homeless for one or more days during the month of the application? $^{\star}$	🔿 Yes 💿 No	0			
What County do you live in ? * Richland					
Residence Address Street Address* 1535 confederate avenue	Address Line 2				
City* columbia	State * South Carolina	Zip★ ✓ 29201		If the app separate	olicant indicates there is a mailing address, they are
Is this also your mailing address ? * • Yes No				given the	e section to complete.
		Mailing Address Street Address *		Address Line 2	
If applicant indicates the mailing address is the same as the residence, the mailing address does not populate		City *		State * South Carolina	Zip*
on the application.		Contact/Method of Communication			
The email is automatically entered and cannot be changed from the email address associated with the portal login.		Home (999)999-9999 Email Address christine.pitts@dss.sc.gov	Work (999)999-9999		Telephone (999)999-9999

# Required fields are indicated by the red \*



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	the client reference nur	nber. It is now tied to this a	application.	If this is a 2-parent household	Id
<b>Reference #:</b> 6ZU41RN <u>Rights and Responsibilitie</u>	NH Start Date:12/19/2022 Applyi	both parents must be includ in the household. The client	ed will		
Please complete all require	d fields (*) before continuing to next pag	not be able to continue if the second parent is not include	e d.		
About my Househo	l <b>d</b> bers (applicant is already shown). At mir	nimum, there should be at least two househo	ld members (parent and at least one child)		
Household Mem	per Information			🕂 Add Household Member	
Household Mem	Der Information Name	Relationship to Household	Date of Birth 12/20/1994	Add Household Member	
Household Mem	Name	Relationship to Household Self	Date of Birth 12/20/1994	Add Household Member	be d.

If no more household members need to be added, saves current household member and to return to the previous screen.



List all household members (applicant is already shown). At minimum, there should be at least three household members (two parents and at least one child)

Household Member Information	+ Add Hou	isehold Member	
Name	Relationship to Household	Date of Birth	Action
Portal Test	Self	10/14/1992	
Walk Through Test	Spouse	02/17/1997	2 💿
A Child	Child	10/05/2010	20
B Child	Child	04/16/2013	2
C Child	Niece/Nephew	04/20/2006	2
D Child	Child	10/02/2022	
E Child	Niece/Nephew	06/15/2016	0

If household is a two-parent family, the second parent <u>cannot</u> be labeled "No Relation". The next best relation will need to be selected.

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Save & Continue 🗲

#### Household Income



#### Income and/or Benefits

Does anyone in the household receive income or benefits?

This includes money you may get from a job, the government, or other sources.

Does family have assets that exceed \$1,000,000? () Yes () No

1. Does Portal Test receive income?\* () Yes () No

Wages, Self-Employment, TANF (Family Independence)

2. Does Walk Through Test receive income?\* (•) Yes (•) No Self-Employment, Food Stamps, Social Security

3. Does A Child receive income? \* • Yes • No

SSI or other Federal Cash Benefits

4. Does B Child receive income? \* () Yes No



#### Household Income

#### Portal Test 's Income and Benefits

What is the gross income amount of Portal Test ? \$0.00 per month

Wages							+ /	Add Wages
Income Amount ↑↓	Pay Frequency ↑↓	Name of Employer ↑↓	Address ↑↓	Contact Name ↑↓	Contact Phone ↑↓	Hours Per Week ↑↓	Employer Email ↑↓	Action ↑↓
No records found	l							
Total: \$0.00	Monthly							
Self-Employn	Self-Employment + Add Self-Employment							
Income Amount ↑↓	Pay Frequency ↑↓	Name of Employer ↑↓	Address ↑↓	Contact Name ↑↓	Contact Phone ↑↓	Hours Per Week ↑↓	Employer Email ↑↓	Action ↑↓
No records found								
Total: \$0.00	Monthly							
TANF (Family	/ Independe	ence)			+ 4	Add TANF (	(Family Inde	ependence)
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Every household member that was listed as having income on the previous page, will be given their own page to list what type of income and how often received.

Click the green button to add the income. If something was selected by mistake, return to previous page and edit the selection for that household member.

Add Wages		
Employer Information Name of Employer*	Portal Test 's Income and Benefits What is the gross income amount of Portal <b>Address *</b> td per month	
Employer Email	Contact Name *	
Contact Phone * (999)999-9999	Pare Name of Contact How Frequency Employer Address II Phone Phone II Wee How many hours do you work each week? *	
Income Amount*	Pay Frequency* Select pay frequency	+ Add Self-I
	No records found	ancel

Employer Information				
Name of Employer*		Address *		
self		home		
Employer Email		Contact Name * self		
Contact Phone * (098)765-4321		How many hours do you work each week? * 15		
ncome Amount* 150.00		Pay Frequency* Monthly		~

Wages (employment income) and self-employment need the additional information. It will be repopulated under parent details on a later screen.

Add TANF (Family In	dependence)		
Tee Income Amount*	Total: \$150.00 Monthly	Pay Frequency*	
		Select pay frequency	
			Action 🚶
			Cancel
nt Upload	Total: \$0.00	Monthly	

For self-employment, applicants should list the household member who is self-employed as the employer and their address as the employer's address.

All other income sources resemble what the TANF screen looks like.

#### Required fields are indicated by the red \*.

Wages							+ -	Add Wages
Income Amount ↑↓	Pay Frequency ↑↓	Name of Employer ↑↓	Address ↑↓	Contact Name ↑↓	Contact Phone ↑↓	Hours Per Week ↑↓	Employer Email ↑↓	Action ↑↓
\$400.00	Weekly	Portal Walk thru	12 main street	John Doe	111111111 1	35		
Total: \$1,732.00	Monthly							

Self-Employment							Add Self-E	mployment
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\$150.00	Monthly	self	home	self	098765432 1	15		
Total: \$150.00	Monthly							

 Reference #: DVGMDTMP
 Start Date:10/25/2022
 Applying for: SC VOUCHERS

 Rights and Responsibilities
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Please complete all required fields (\*) before continuing to next page

#### I Household Income

#### A Child 's Income and Benefits

What is the gross income amount of A Child ? \$1,068.00 per month

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otal: \$1,068.00	Monthly	



Eligible children must be under the age of 13 at the time of application.

If the child is between 13 and 19 year old, they will need to have a verified special need or be a foster child.



if needed.

Add child who needs chi	ld care services	
NOTE: If the child is not listed here, a	dd the child here	A. Applymation: SC #OUCHERS
Select a Child *	SSN	Date of Birth *
A Child 🗸 🗸		10/05/2010
Race * Native Hawaiian/Pacific Y	Hispanic/Latino? * Hispanic/Latino ~	
Is the child a U.S. citizen? * • Yes • No	Are the child's immunization up to date? * <ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>	Does the child have a disability? *
Does the child currently attend school? * • Yes O No	School District * Lexington 01	Type of Attendance of Biolines Age Attends Full-Day
Type of Child Care Needed Child Care Needed School Year 🗸		School-Ager

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Is the child a U.S. citizen? * • Yes O No	Are the child's immunization up to date? * <ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>	Does the child have a disability? *		
Does the child currently attend school? *	Type of Child Care Needed         Child Care Needed All Year	Date of Birth Age		
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#### Add child who needs child care services NOTE: If the child is not listed here, add the child here Select a Child \* SSN Date of Birth \* •••• 04/20/2006 C Child $\sim$ Race \* Hispanic/Latino? \* ✓ No Response Choose Is the child a legal alien? \* Is the child a U.S. citizen? \* Are the child's immunization up to date? \* 🔿 Yes 🧿 No O Yes O No 🔿 Yes 🔿 No Does the child have a disability? \* Does the child currently attend Type of Child Care Needed school? \* 🔿 Yes 🔿 No Select $\sim$ O Yes O No Legal Alien

## Which child needs child care?

The client will add each child they need services for. As the applicant completes each question, the answer will populate additional questions as needed.

# Required fields are indicated by the red \*.

**Reference #:** JBMX3LD0 **Start Date:**12/28/2022 **Applying for:** CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS <u>Rights and Responsibilities</u>

Please complete all required fields (\*) before continuing to next page

NOTE: If the child is not listed here, add the child Click Here.

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If the applicant has not chosen a child care provider, this screen can be skipped.

If a provider has been chosen, the applicant will add the provider and will indicate which child or children will attend that child care provider.

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Child care Providers Child care Provider In Child Name O Child , B Child	formation Child care Provider Daycare Name	Address         address colubia South         Carolina 29201	Add Child care Provider

This will only list children the applicant chooses a child care provider for. If a child was indicated as needing child care services, but a provider is not chosen, that will be noted on the application. Applicants should not be alarmed if all children are not listed.

<ul> <li>Getting Started</li> <li>Applicant</li> </ul>	Reference #: JBMX3LD0StartRights and Responsibilities	Date:12/28/2022 Applying for: CHILD CARE SC	HOLARSHIPS
> 🐴 My Household	Please complete all required fields (*) b	pefore continuing to next page	
> \$ Income Details	Parent Details		
🗸 💄 Child Care Services			_
🖉 Children In Need	Tell us where the parent(s) work or	attend school or training	
Child Care Providers	Parent Details		+ Add Parent Details
arent Details	Name	Employment/School Training Status	Action
Document Upload	No parent information avaliable		
Sign and Submit	< Previous		Save & Continue

# If this is a two parent family, there must be two parents listed before continuing.

ne applicant will need to elect each parent from he drop down list.				Multi-select for employme training, disability	nt, school,
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E Child			Address *		_ 1
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C Employer Email			Contact Name * John Doe		
ent Details			Employmen		Action
(111)111-1111	No parent in	itormation available	35		
Income Amount *			Pay Frequency *		
\$400.00			Weekly		

Wages and self-employment are auto populated from the household income once the household member is selected.

ool/Training Program Details			
ame of School/Training Program *	Parent Details	School/Training Address *	
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The applicant
must read
and check
each item.

I Certify that all the information I have provided is true and correct, I understand that state officials may verify the information and the deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecute under applicable State and Federal criminal statutes. I further understand that upon my approval for this program, I may be assessed a fee based on the information i have provided. I agree, by my signature, to pay that fee according to the terms and conditions of the approved child care provider. I further certify that i have read the Application Rights and Responsibilities and will comply with the Responsibilities.

🗸 I am aware that by submitting the application, the child care services are not guaranteed to be approved. \*

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The signature page lists the applicant rights and responsibilities once again.

# Congratulations, the application has been submitted.

## Application has been successfully submitted. See below for details.

Application Type :	Child Care Scholarships - Child Care Application
Applying for :	Child Care Scholarships
Application Start Date :	12/29/2022
Application Submit Date :	12/29/2022
Reference Number :	0XEVEJ1X

#### 🛨 Download Application

The applicant may download a copy of their application for their records.