B.E.S.T. KINDERGARTEN READINESS COMMITTEE

Little Kids / Big Futures Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The B.E.S.T. Kindergarten Readiness Committee has a scholarship program available for children ages 4 to 5 years.

The B.E.S.T. Kindergarten Readiness Committee received funds from the United Way of Lake County & Women's Leadership Council to provide the scholarships for preschool programs.

Applications for the scholarships are available at two Round Lake Area Park District locations: The Robert W. Rolek Community Center located at 814 Hart Road, Round Lake; and the Sports Center located at 2004 Municipal Way, Round Lake Beach.

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and the availability of scholarship funds at the time of application.

Any questions, contact Joan Ellis at 847.546.8558, ext. 5085.

B.E.S.T. KINDERGARTEN READINESS SCHOLARSHIPS

The B.E.S.T. Kindergarten Readiness Committee makes funds available to provide financial assistance to qualifying families who might not otherwise be able to participate in early childhood education.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- All information is confidential and not a matter of public record.
- All information on the preschool scholarship application must be true and accurate.
- Limited funds are available for scholarships. All scholarship awards will be on the basis of need and availability of funds at the time of application.
- Scholarships are available to children ages four (4) through five (5) years of age, and are enrolled in a preschool program within the Round Lake Area Park District.
- All requests for scholarships must be submitted to the B.E.S.T. Readiness Kindergarten Committee for review and determination.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

- Proof of financial need must be demonstrated to qualify for scholarship program. Items that will be considered/evaluated include: current participation in public aid; food stamps; school lunch or subsidy housing programs; excessive medical bills or other unusual, burdening financial circumstances.
- All applications must include copies of your three most recent paycheck stubs or other source of income.
- Proof of residency of zip code 60073.

PROCEDURE

Persons requesting scholarships must complete the appropriate form and submit it to the park district. Applications will be individually reviewed and evaluated. Applicants will be notified within seven (7) working days of submission.

LIMITS ON SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships will be limited to a maximum of one (1) year of preschool for the 2016 season.
- Upon acceptance, the applicant must complete the entire registration packet required for the program. This includes a copy of their physical with immunization record and birth certificate.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Deadline is *August 1, 2016.* Return this form to: Joan Ellis, Round Lake Area Park District, 814 Hart Road, Round Lake, IL 60073.

B.E.S.T. KINDERGARTEN READINESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Scholarship Applicant(s) _____ Birthdate _____

Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Person Completing Application _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Secondary Contact Person _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please list additional family members who live in the same household:

Name _____ Age ____ Name _____ Age ____

Name _____ Age ____ Name _____ Age ____

Name _____ Age ____ Name _____ Age ____

Name _____ Age ____ Name _____ Age ____

Primary language spoken at home: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Employer's Name _____

Address (City, State, Zip) _____ Phone _____

Supervisor's Name _____ How Long Employed _____ Work Hours _____

PLEASE CHECK ITEMS TO INDICATE FINANCIAL NEED *(copies of documentation for the following will be required)*

☐ All Kids ☐ Subsidized Housing ☐ Food Stamps; Case Number _____

☐ School Fee Waiver _____

☐ Excessive Medical Bills; Reason _____

☐ Any Other Extenuating Circumstances _____

REFERENCES

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

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I certify that the above information is true and understand that it will be verified. All information is confidential and is not a matter of public record.

Signature _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW

Date Application Received _____ Results _____

Date Notification Sent _____ Staff Signature _____