University-Wide Child Care Scholarships



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Child Care Scholarships >

Harvard provides financial assistance for staff and faculty to help pay for full-and/or part-time child care. Application deadlines and award periods are running now!



Mental Health & Crisis Care >

Harvard's EAP is available to help you and your household members, i 24 hours a day, every day. Call for or for a referral.



Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Vacation Camp! >

Located in the Cambridge, Longwood, and Business School campuses. For ages 6-12, \$20 per day/child or \$100/week. Register online here.

Fiscal Year 2012 Child Care Scholarship Application Opens Thursday, July 21, 2011!

Deadline: 9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Who can apply?

Benefits-eligible staff in the following employee groups:

- -Faculty
- -Non-Union Administrative/Professional Staff
- -Posdoctoral Fellows

If I'm only just pregnant, should I still apply?

Yes! If you will incur child care costs prior to June 30th of 2012, you should definitely apply.

What kinds of care can be reimbursed?

Nearly any type of care for children under 13!

This includes afterschool care, daycare, nanny car, babysitters, and even friends/family members who may be caring for your child.

Click here for more info.

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Employee Assistance Program 877-EAP-HARV (877-327-4278)

Child Care Bulletin Board

Brief History (1 of 2)

- Child Care Scholarships were first introduced at Harvard in 1989 to help employees balance the demands of work and family life.
- The conflict of these demands has historically disadvantaged women. Women were often forced to either:
 - Choose either work OR family, or
 - Perform twice the labor of work AND family
 - AKA 'the second shift' (Hochschild 1989)
- Today, all genders can benefit from the scholarships.

Brief History (2 of 2)

- The Office of Work/Life took over the program in 2004:
 - 2004: 124 award recipients
 - 2011: over 700 award recipients
- Today, Harvard offers multiple scholarships (including Union scholarships not discussed today) and awards more than \$3 million each year.
- Scholarships are intended to be just one of the supports that help parents come to work, and are intended only to offset the cost of care – not to pay for it in its entirety.

Am I Eligible?

Eligibility Criterion 1: Your Benefits Eligibility

You must be benefits-eligible at Harvard. This means that:

- You receive your paycheck from Harvard
- You are eligible for full benefits
- You work a minimum of 17.5 hours/week

Eligibility Criterion 2: Your Employee Group

You must be in one of the following employee groups:

- Admin/Professional Staff (APS); or
- Non-Union Support Staff (N-USS); or
- Post-Doctoral Fellows who get a paycheck from Harvard; or
- Non-Ladder Faculty
- Ladder faculty with a child **under** 6 (born **after** July 1, 2005):
 - Use same application, but different rules apply
- Ladder Faculty with a child <u>over</u> 6 (born <u>before</u> July 1, 2005)

Other employee groups:

- Members of Harvard unions (HUCTW, SEIU, etc.):
 - Separate applications (negotiated benefit)

Eligibility Criterion 3:Your Partner/Spouse

- 1) If you have a spouse/partner, they must either:
 - Be employed (min. 15 hours/week); OR
 - Be a student (min. 15 hrs/wk incl. study & homework time); OR
 - Be disabled OR caring for a disabled person (min. 15 hrs/wk);
 OR
- 2) If your spouse does not currently meet one of the above criteria, but intends to do so by May 1st next year, you can still be eligible.
 - You will be given a provisional award disbursable upon confirmation of spouse/partner eligibility
 - You can only claim child care costs you incur while your spouse is working
 - For child care help while job hunting, consider our back-up care programs and subsidies

Eligibility Criterion 3:Your Partner/Spouse

- If both you AND your spouse/partner are Harvard employees, only one of you need apply.
 - Each employee group has its own fund
 - Each family receives one award
 - If you and your spouse/partner are in different empl.groups, you will receive the higher of the two empl. groups' awards
- Your partner does not have to be a 'qualified domestic partner' as defined by the State of Massachusetts in order for you to qualify for a scholarship.

Eligibility Criterion 4: Your Children & Your Care Provider

Your child(ren):

- Must have been born on or after Sept. 1, 1998 (they will turn 13 on or after Sept. 1, 2011)
- Must be your legal dependent (verifiable by tax returns), and you must be responsible for their child care costs

Your provider:

- Can not live with you unless they are 'in your employ' (nannies, au pairs), AND
- Must have a SSN or Tax I.D. Number, AND
- Must provide care while you are at work
- ➤ If you are expecting children and will have costs before June 30, 2012, apply now

What Counts as Qualifying Child Care?

Care used while you are at work

- Child care centers
- Family day care providers
- Preschool/Kindergarten
- After-school programs
- Daytime summer camps
- Family member, friend, babysitter, relative -- as long as they meet criteria on previous slide
- Questions about other types of care? Ask us!

Scholarship awards can be used toward child <u>care</u>, <u>but</u> not enrichment activities.

- Not eligible: Private or one-on-one violin/swimming/etc. lessons
- Eligible:
 - A swim program at the local YMCA as part of their afterschool program
 - An after-school program focusing on violin classes in a group setting during your work hours

Eligibility Criterion 5: Your Income

Total Household Income (THI) must < \$130k, UNLESS:

- 1) You live in a single-parent household (subtract \$10k from THI)
- 2) You have more than one child under 13 (subtract \$10k from THI for each child under 13 beyond the first).
- → This results in your Adjusted Household Income
- → Please do not make these adjustments yourself

How do we calculate your income?

- Total household income =
 (GROSS per-paycheck wages) x (Yearly pay frequency)
 + (Any additional/non-regular income)
- If this is not a fair or accurate representation of your actual total household income, return to the job(s) and explain why as TEXT.
 - Do not adjust amounts or pay frequency for small, occasional, or temporary deviations in your regular income
 - This includes maternity leaves, short periods of unemployment, etc.
 - If the variations are large or if pay frequencies are very irregular, please average the wages.
 - If there is a permanent change to your salary, you may average the two regular salaries.

Income-Adjustment Examples

Eligibility Criterion 5: Your Household Income - Examples

Family A:

- a) Single Parent Household
- b) \$69,000/year total household income
- c) Two children: 5-year-old and 14-year-old

Work/Life's Adjustments to Total Household Income:

- \$10,000 deducted for being a single parent
- \$0 deducted for children no children beyond the 1st one under 13 years of age
- Adjusted total-household income is \$59,000

Eligibility Criterion 5: Your Household Income - Examples

Family B:

- a) Dual-Parent Household
- b) \$62,000/year total household income
- c) Three children: 10, 12, and 15 years old

Work/Life's Adjustments to Total Household Income:

- Dual-parent household, so \$0 deducted for single parent household status
- Only two children under 13 years old
- \$10,000 deducted for the one child beyond the 1st one under
 13 years of age
- \$0 deducted for the 3nd child (not under 13 years of age)
- Adjusted total household income is \$52,000

Eligibility Criterion 5: Your Household Income (cont.)

Number of Children Born	Single-Parent Household	2-Parent Household	
after 9/1/97	Work/Life adjusts household income by		
1	-\$10,000	\$0	
2	-\$20,000	-\$10,000	
3	-\$30,000	-\$20,000	
4	-\$40,000	-\$30,000	
5	-\$40,000	-\$30,000	
	-\$40,000	-\$30,000	

Exceptions to these rules may be considered on a case-by-case basis in the presence of special circumstances, which must be demonstrated in writing.

FY'12 Scholarship Timeline

» Green rows require action by you		
July 1, 2011	» Begin collecting receipts for/keeping track of any child care costs incurred in Fiscal Year 2012 (between 7/1/11 and 6/30/12)	
July 21, 2011	Application opens	
August 26, 2011	» Courtesy Documentation Deadline	
September 8, 2011	Work/Life notifies those who took advantage of Courtesy Documentation Deadline	
August 26 – September 13, 2011	Response time from Work/Life may be slow	
September 13, 2011	» Application closes	
September – October, 2011	Application review period	
Early November 2011	Award letters, claim forms, and instructions mailed home	
Mid-November, 2011	 » First claim form due for any costs already paid/contracted for in FY2012 (7/1/11 – 6/30/12). Requires signature of child care provider. 	
End of December 2011	1 st payment deposited into paycheck if you've submitted claim forms by deadline. Maximum payment is ½ of award, but is taxed.	
End of May 2012	 Second claim form due for any costs already paid/contracted for in FY2012 (7/1/11 – 6/30/12). Requires signature of child care provider. 	
July 2012	2 nd and last payment deposited into paycheck if you've submitted claim forms by deadline. Maximum payment is either ½ or whole award, but is taxed.	

Service/Trade & SEIU Child Care Fellowship CLAIM FORM 2010 – 2011

WHAT TO DO:

- Submit any additional information we requested from you in the award letter (<u>only</u> if we asked for it).
- 2. Pay for your child care.
- Have your child care provider fill out their section of this form and sign it.
- Turn in this claim form 4 times/year (every 3 months) to get payments 4 times/year; OR, turn it in only once or twice/year if you only wish to get payments once or twice/year.
- If you have a <u>contract</u> with your center provider and you pay the same fee each period for the whole year you can choose to only send this in once. Just circle all months and have it signed.

You can turn in this form by fax, mail, or in person. Deadlines are listed to the right.

The absolute DEADLINE for getting your claim form to us this fiscal year is June 15, 2011.

If you do not turn in at least one form by this date, we can not pay you your scholarship.

Claim Form DEADLINES (always Tuesdays)		Paycheck Date
Jul-Sept	September 28, 2010	October 15, 2010*
Oct-Dec	November 30, 2010	December 17, 2010*
Jan-March	March 29, 2011	April 15, 2011*
Apr-June	June 7, 2011	June 24, 2011**

NOTE: Taxes will be deducted.

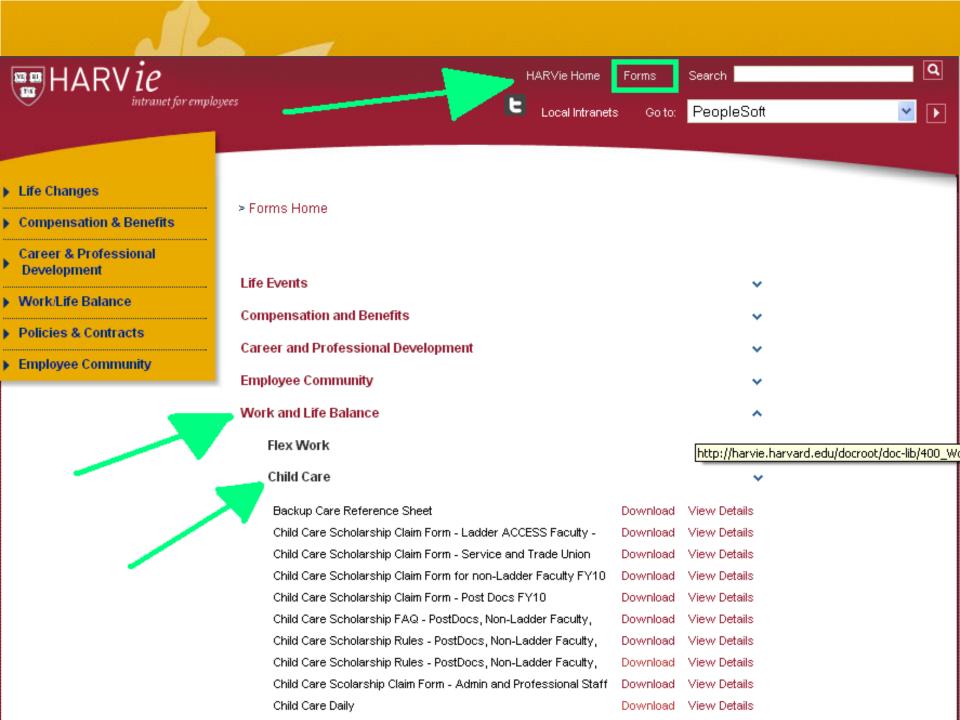
- * A maximum of % of your award.
- ** Remainder of award or maximum of expenses (whichever is smaller).

Deliver via MAIL or IN PERSON: Office of Work/Life Resources Attn: Claim Forms 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 652 Cambridge, MA 02138

Deliver via FAX: (617) 495- 4124 Phone: (617) 495 – 4100

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT – Complete this section				
Harvard Employee Name:	Harvard ID:			
CHILD CARE PROVIDER – Complete this section				
Childcare Provider Name:	Phone Number: ()			
Street Address:	City and State:			
License # or Tax ID #:	Zip:			
OR Social Security # if you don't have a tax ID # or a License #:				
First name(s) of employees'				
children in care of provider:	1) 2)			
Care for the months of (circle):	2010: JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC 2011: JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN			
	Monthly Rate: \$ OR Weekly Rate: \$ # of weeks:			
OR other periods of time and amounts:				
CHILD CARE PROVIDER SIGNATURE:	DATE:			

Mailed Home or Found in HARVie's Forms Library Link to Forms



Determining the Awards

How do we use your taxes?

Taxes are NOT used to determine your award.

Awards are based only on this fiscal year's household income.

Taxes are used ONLY to verify:

- 1. Dependents
 - Names on application must match those on your taxes
 - Unborn or recently born children: list in application, explain they were not born in time to claim on taxes
- 2. Income consistency (or inconsistency, with explanation) this year vs. last year
 - Next year's application's taxes are used to retroactively verify your reported income projection for this year – awards may or may not be adjusted

All awards are provisional

- 1) Each award is provisional (i.e. not guaranteed) until you submit claim forms
- We reimburse you, but only for what you have actually spent, regardless of the size of your award
 - You will never be reimbursed for more than the amount you actually spend
 - If you spend less than your award, you will forfeit the unspent portion
 - Reimbursement is taxed taxation explained later

Important Notes on Awards (1 of 2)

- Postdoc awards tend to be 20-30% lower due to high demand
- We recommend that you not make any child care decisions based on expectations of an award
- Scholarships are intended only to <u>offset</u> the cost of care, and not to cover it in its entirety
- Award amounts will vary from year to year, depending on:
 - Total number of applicants in an income category
 - Distribution of incomes within a given income category

Important Notes on Awards (2 of 2)

- Taxes: awards are treated by the IRS as income, and taxed at nearly 36% initially. (Some of this may be returned to you when you file your taxes – please consult your tax professional.)
 - More info: Google 'imputed income Massachusetts'
- These awards are approximate figures they are not guaranteed.
- These figures are average ranges based on collective data over the past few years, and should not be taken as predictive.

Sample Awards

These awards are not guaranteed.

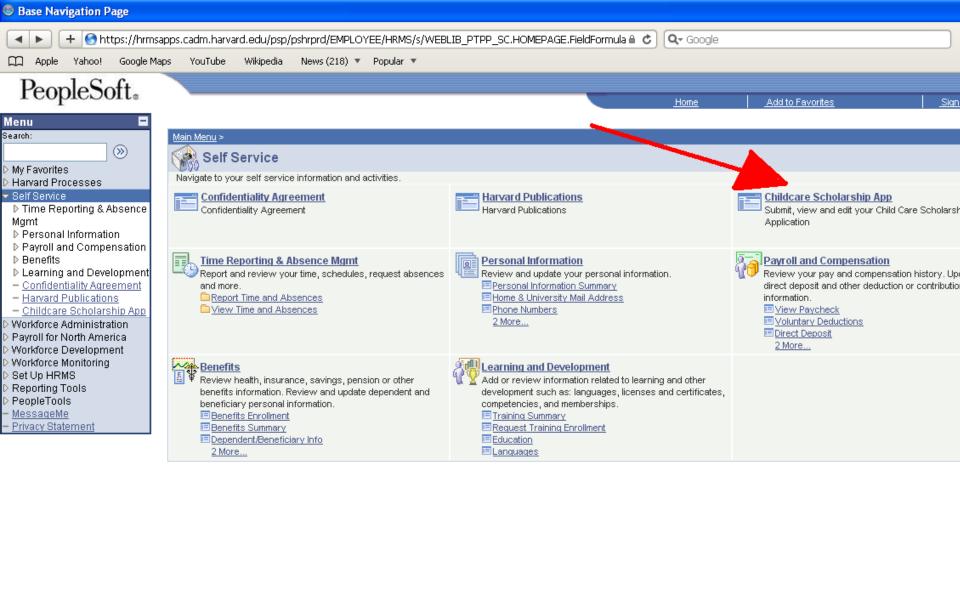
Please do not expect to receive these amounts – they are intended only as rough guides.

**Postdoctoral Fellow awards may vary significantly.

Adjusted Total Household Income (adjusted by Work/Life)	Approximate award range ¹ (before taxes)
\$0 - \$55,000	Approx. \$5,000 - \$7,000
\$55,001 - \$75,000	Approx. \$3,000 - \$5,000
\$75,001 - \$100,000	Approx. \$1,000 - \$3,000
\$100,001 - \$130,000	Approx. \$0 - \$1,000
\$130,000 +	\$0

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The Application



PeopleSoft.



Child Care Scholarship Application

Nela Suka

Welcome to the Child Care Scholarship Application!

Program Goals

The child care scholarship program is intended to help defray the costs of child care for working parents who would be unable to work without care, and to provide financial assistance to families for whom child care costs pose the greatest comparative financial burden within the context of individual family circumstances.

Other Resources

The Office of Work/Life is pleased to administer this program, one of several family support services available to you as a Harvard employee. As an additional benefit, Harvard's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can help you find affordable child care and think through all of your dependent-care needs. You may contact Harvard's EAP at 1-877-EAP-HARV (1-877-327-4278) for free referrals and consultation. Please also remember to review the other programs offered by our office by visiting our pages on HARVie.

Recommended First Steps

Before you begin the application, we encourage you to review it once in its entirety. This will help you to anticipate both the time it will require to fill it out, and the information that you will likely need to collect in order to provide the detailed information that we require. We encourage you to review the Application Instructions before you begin. You will have an opportunity to save your application after you have completed the first four (very simple) 'pre-pages' (including this page).

The Office of Work/Life processes over 700 scholarship applications annually, and it is only through a rigorous process of considering complex criteria that we are able to manage the program both fairly and efficiently. Please do your part by filling out the application carefully.

$Please \ select \ the \ application \ form \ you \ would \ like \ to \ view \ or \ edit, or \ click \ "New" \ if \ you \ are \ starting \ a \ new \ application.$

Application Number	Application Type	Application Cycle	Status
<u>4299</u>	Admin/Profnl & Non-Union Staff	FY2011	Submitted
<u>4640</u>	Admin/Profnl & Non-Union Staff	FY2012	Canceled
<u>4641</u>	Admin/Profnl & Non-Union Staff	FY2012	Canceled
4642	Admin/Profnl & Non-Union Staff	FY2012	Canceled
4643	Admin/Profnl & Non-Union Staff	FY2012	Submitted



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Child Care Scholarship Application

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Job Information

The section below lists all jobs you hold at Harvard. Job data is drawn directly from PeopleSoft. The details of each of your jobs will determine which scholarship fund you are eligible for. Select a job to see for which fund the job makes you eligible. If you have multiple jobs, some of them may not be eligible.

If, according to your jobs below, you are eligible for a scholarship from the Postdoctoral Fellows fund, as well as a scholarship from another fund, we recommend that you select the other job/fund, as the demand on Postdoctoral Fellow funds is comparatively higher.

Employee Department	Department	Job Title		
	Admin & Professional	CADM^VPHR^Office of Work/Life	Work Life Analyst I	

Job Data used to determine your eligibility to the Childcare

 Department
 CADMAVPHRAOffice of Work/Life

 Location
 124 Mt Auburn St, Univ Place

 Job Title
 Work Life Analyst I

 Business Title
 Work Life Analyst

 Empl Class
 Admin & Professional

 Standard Hours
 35.00

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○Yes ○No Do you, or will you have, any children born after July 1, 2005?

YOUR ELIGIBILITY

To determine your eligibility, please select a job, and a response regarding your children's age, above. (If you only have one job, you need only select a response about children's age.)

Application Type
Scholarship Cycle
Scholarship Cycle Starts
Scholarship Cycle Ends
Application Deadline

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Child Care Scholarship Application

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Business Title Work Life Analyst

Empl Class Admin & Professional

Standard Hours 35.00

Your children/dependents

Yes

○ No

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Application Type Admin/Profnl & Non-Union Staff

Scholarship Cycle Fiscal Year 2012

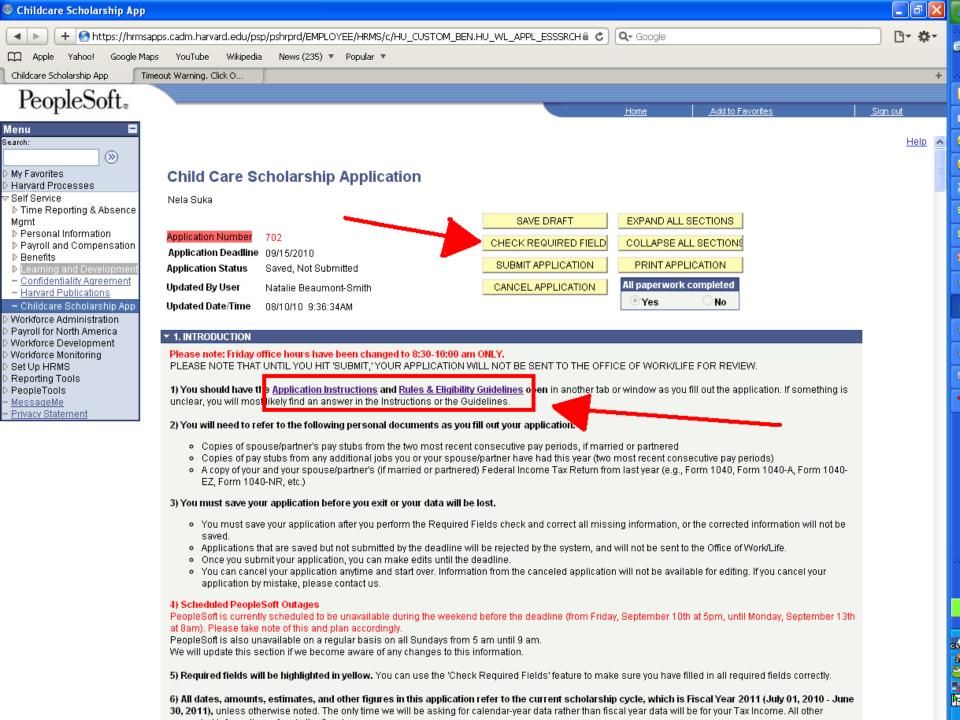
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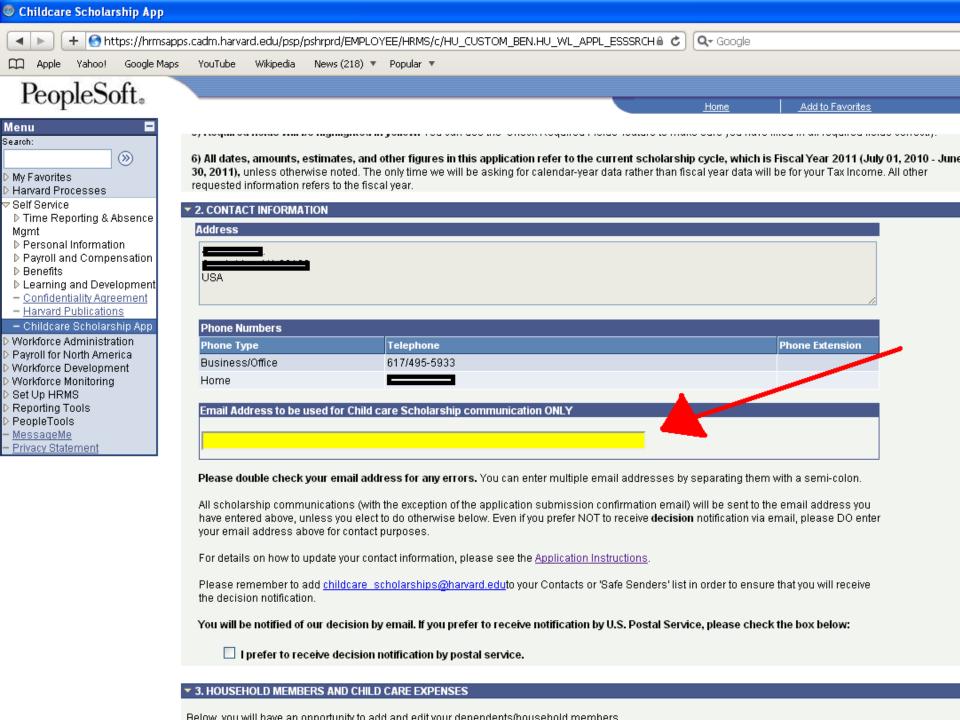
Application Deadline 09/13/2011



The Application

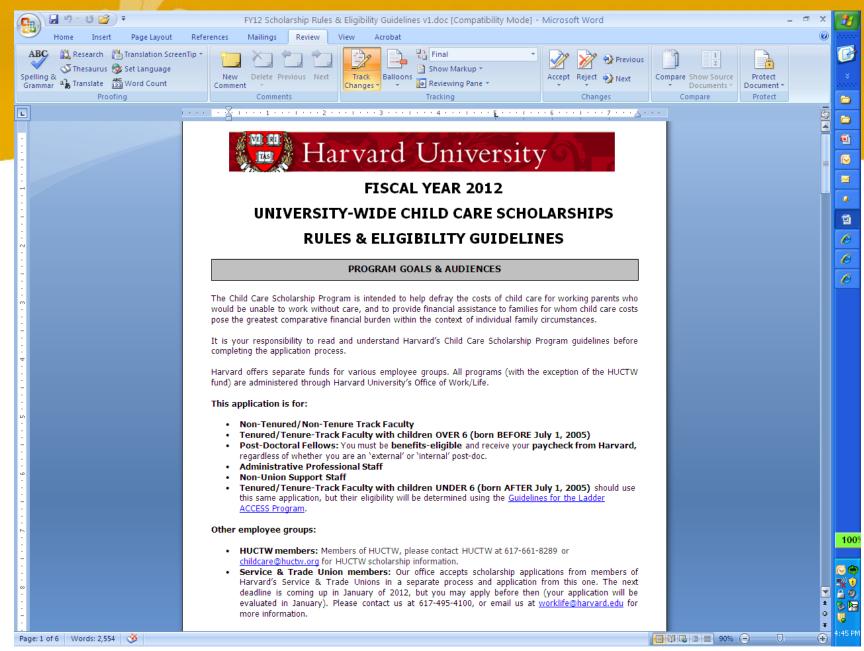
- Required fields highlighted in yellow
- 'Check Required Fields' function process may take several minutes
 - Function finds one missing field at a time and requires you to fill it in
 - You then click 'Check Required Fields' again to find the next missing field
 - Continue process until all required fields are filled in
 - Please allow yourself ample time before the deadline to run the 'Required Fields' check





What do I need to do in order for my application to be complete?

- Read "Application Instructions" and "Rules & Eligibility Guidelines"
 - Links are on the Application and on the FY11
 Scholarship Page on HARVie
- Your application must be <u>complete</u> in the following ways in order to be considered:
 - Filled out completely by deadline
 - Accompanying documentation submitted on time
 - Information that does not fit neatly into provided fields should be explained in assigned text boxes



Fiscal Year 2012 Child Care Scholarship Application Instructions

Step 1: Navigating PeopleSoft

You may need to disable your pop-up blocker (or make an exception to your normal pop-up settings). You can find instructions on how to do this in Firefox here, and in Internet Explorer here.

1) The Magnifying Glass Feature: Browsing drop-down menus for 'Relationship Types' and 'Paycheck Frequencies'

PeopleSoft does not contain a drop-down menu feature. Instead, it has a magnifying glass which, when clicked, opens a page with a list of options, from which you can choose. See Pictures A and B below.

 Adding/deleting Jobs/Employers, Persons Authorized to Receive Info About Your Scholarship, and 'Unborn Children and Other Household Members Not Found in PeopleSoft'

PeopleSoft requires that you use the plus ('+') and minus ('-') signs in the top right corner of each sub-section to respectively add or delete entries. (Note: PeopleSoft refers to a person or job added in this way as a 'row' – this may become relevant if PeopleSoft tries to communicate with you via pop-up dialog boxes, etc.) See Pictures A and B below.

If you add multiple jobs or household members (i.e. 'rows'), you will be able to flip through each addition ('row') using the left and right arrows located in the blue heading bar of each sub-section.

→ Display Glitch in the 'Unborn Children and Other Household Members Not Found in PeopleSoft' Sub-Section

If you must delete and subsequently add a household member ('row') in this sub-section, a display glitch will require a few additional steps.

- → This will not be an issue for you if you do not need to add additional household members in this sub-section.
- What you can expect to happen: Once you confirm that you DO want to delete this household member, all of the
 questions as well as all of the answer fields in this sub-section will TEMPORARILY become blank/disappear.
- What you can do to fix this: If this happens and you DO need to add OTHER household members in this sub-section, but cannot see the questions or the answer fields because of this display glitch, follow these steps:
 - Save your application.
 - 2. Return to the main SelfService page and re-open your saved application.
 - The questions should now reappear, and the household member you were trying to delete should have been deleted.
 - You should now be able to add additional household members.

Thank you for your patience as we work to fix this issue.

Picture A



List of Required Documents

- Required Documentation Cover Sheet
- Spouse/partner's pay stubs
- Pay stubs from additional jobs
- Completed, signed copies of the FIRST TWO pages of your federal tax return from last calendar year (e.g. Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR, 1040NREZ, etc.).
 - First two pages only UNLESS you have non-zero entries on line 12 (see next item).
- If you/spouse/partner are self-employed, OR have non-salary income, OR have entries on line 12 of your tax return, submit appropriate documentation
 - Usually a Schedule C, Schedule E, or other federal forms relating to self-employment or non-salary income
- Verification of spouse/partner student status from the registrar of the school.
- Affidavit of unpaid employment from the employer if you or your spouse are working, but not paid.
- If you filed a tax return deadline extension request, submit copy of request.
- If you did not file taxes in the U.S. and/or your financial documents originate in a country other than the U.S., submit comparable documentation of income

& Courtesy Documentation Deadline

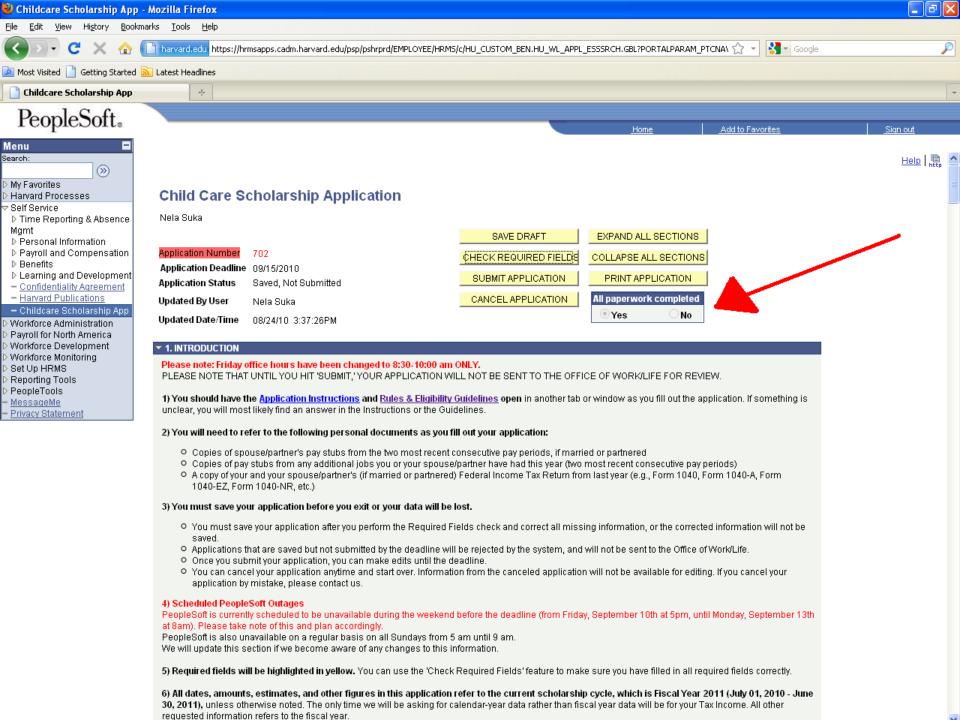
- We update the Documentation Checklist as we receive documentation
- Courtesy documentation deadline: Fri., Aug. 26
 - Documents received by Fri., Aug. 26 will be recorded in application by Thurs., Sept. 8
 - This will give you a chance to submit any missing paperwork by the final deadline
- If you miss the Fri., Aug. 26 courtesy deadline, please review the papers you send carefully, as we will be unable to provide feedback.



If Documentation Is Incomplete

If documentation is incomplete:

- → Review Documentation Checklist @bottom of application
- → Missing documents and documents that do not apply to you will BOTH have a blank check box
 - If document <u>does</u> apply to you + has a blank check box = document is missing and you need to submit by deadline
 - If document does <u>not</u> apply to you → no need to submit it (volume)
- → It will be up to you to decide whether a document applies to you & whether you need to submit it pyright © 2010 Harvard Human Resources All Rights reserved



Documentation Completed?

Top of Application: "All Paperwork Completed – Y/N?"

- If blank: documentation <u>not yet reviewed</u>
 - → Check back
- If 'Yes' selected: documentation is complete
 - → No action required
- If 'No' is selected: documentation is <u>incomplete</u>
 - → Action required (see next slide)

Required Documentation Instructions

- Delivered/postmarked by 5 pm (not 9pm) on September 13, 2011
- 2) Write application number on all documentation
- 3) Submit all documents in one packet if possible.
- 4) Submit your documentation before deadline, even if you have not submitted online application.
- 5) We recommend using one of these methods:
 - 1) Certified or registered mail (US Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc.,), OR
 - 2) In-person drop-off at our office during office hours, where you will be given a receipt.
- 6) Please do not use these methods (security/volume/assurance of delivery):
 - 1) Work/Life dropbox
 - 2) Fax submissions
 - 3) Non-certified or non-registered mail
 - 4) Interdepartmental mail
 - 5) Email

Questions & Follow-up

- Due to volume and the need for documentation of all discussions, we can not accept phone calls regarding the receipt or status of documents.
- If you have any questions, please email us.
 Please bear in mind that there may be a lag in reply time after Fri., Aug. 26.

Outreach Events

HARVie Chats

All Employee Groups

Wednesday, August 17, noon – 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 8, noon – 1 p.m.

Ladder Faculty with children under 6

(Ladder ACCESS Program)

Thursday, August 11, noon – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7, noon – 1 p.m.

To participate, visit www.harvie.harvard.edu at the time of the chat and select the red 'Chat Now' button on the left.

In-Person Info Sessions

Longwood Medical Area

Wednesday, August 10, noon – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, noon – 1 p.m.

<u>Cambridge</u>

Thursday, August 11, noon – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31, noon – 1 p.m.

Registration Required
Location Info Revealed After Registration

Deadlines

Documentation

5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2012

Applications

9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2012

Additional Resources

Anticipating Your Child Care Costs

- ➤ These are *average* estimates for the Boston Area and can vary.
- Estimates are for center-based care. Family day cares & other types of care may be less expensive.
 - Infants: Fulltime care = \$20,000+/year (centers)
 - Toddlers: Fulltime care = ~\$18,000+/year
 - Pre-school: Fulltime care = ~\$9,000+/year
 - After-school care: 5 days = ~\$4,000+/year
 - Summer Camp: varies significantly

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA's) for dependent care

How it works:

- Contribute money from each paycheck into an FSA on a pre-tax basis
- Pay for your dependent care/medical expenses
- The money from your FSA is returned to you if you've spent that amount on dependent or medical care (up to \$5000)

The benefit:

- Basically, a savings account that allows you to avoid income taxes
- You gain the amount you would have been taxed
- The money you put aside is worth more than if you had paid for care only with your after-tax income
- Please consult your tax professional (Employee Assistance Program)

More information:

Contact Benefits Services at (617) 496-4001, or visit
 http://harvie.harvard.edu/Compensation_Benefits/Health_Benefits/Flexible_Spending_Accounts.html

Coming Soon!

Online Scholarship Claim Forms

Launching in FY13 (possibly 2nd half of FY12)

WATCH Portal - Web Access To Care at HARVARD

- Babysitting services for and by members of Harvard community
- Other caregiving services to come

PARENTS CAN:

- Post babysitting requests
- Save favorite babysitters to personal profile

CAREGIVERS CAN:

- Search for job opportunities
- •List their services, qualifications, job preferences, and references
- Receive email notification of opportunities, responses, etc.

Back-Up Care (in addition to scholarships)

What is back-up care?

- Care provided when you need to get to work, yet your regular/primary care arrangements are not available
- Back-up care can be used for an adult relative, a child, or even for yourself

2. When can I use back-up care?

- On snow days
- When your spouse/partner is sick and cannot care for children
- When you're in-between care arrangements
- When your nanny's on vacation
- When your child's center or regular provider is not able to provide care
- To help you transition back into a regular work schedule when returning from leave; and many, many more occasions

Back-Up Care (cont.)

Subsidized Care

– Parents In A Pinch:

- Child and adult care
- \$15-\$17/hour (4 hr. minimum)
- Screened and background-checked provider sent to your home (20 days/year max)
- Not available to Service & Trade Union members (this is a negotiated benefit)

– Harvard's School Vacation Camps:

- \$20/day during school vacations (~3 times/year)
- On all 3 campuses (LMA, HBS, Cambridge)

Back-Up Care (cont.)

Reimbursement for Care Costs

– Just In Time Care:

- Pay for back up care first, then get up to \$350 back in reimbursements
- Separate from (and in addition to) your scholarship
- Your <u>Harvard salary</u> must be under \$70,000 FTE
- Use to reimburse any qualifying back-up care, including babysitters, friends and family, and any of the programs offered here
- Reimbursement is taxed

Back-Up Care (cont.)

Information & Registration For All Programs:

- HARVie > Work/Life Balance > Caring for Children> Back-up & Emergency Care
- Back-Up Care Cheat Sheet is available in HARVie's Forms Library
- Currently, separate registration process for each program
- Universal Registration for all back-up care programs forthcoming

Self Care & Back-Up Care @ Harvard

WHAT IS BACK-UP CARE?

Back-up care is care provided when regular care arrangements are unavailable.

WHO CAN USE BACK-UP CARE?

Back-up care can be used for ANYONE in your family, including children, adult relatives, and even you!

EXAMPLES:

- * After surgery: Hiring someone to be at home with you or a relative
- * Hiring someone to stay with your child/adult relative when they are mildly ill
- * Hiring a babysitter when school is closed (snow day!)
- * Hiring a back-up caregiver when your regular caregiver is on vacation/out sick

WHEN IT COMES TO BACK-UP CARE, HARVARD'S GOT YOU COVERED!						
Program	Description	Eligibility	Cost	Max. Days	Registration Procedure	Reservations & Hours
Parents in A Pinch A provider is sent to your HOME	Parents in A Pinch (PIAP) sends a pre-screened provider to your home when the regular care for your child, elder or other adult is unavailable. Services may be used for you too. (Are you sick? Have you just had surgery? Are you returning from the hospital?) Services available nationwide. Caregivers available even before 9 a.m.	All benefits-eligible employees other than Service & Trade hourly employees (union- negotiated benefit). Covered: Children, elders, and other adults (including yourself).	\$16/hour (minimum of 4 hours) Fee may increase for special services	20 dayslyear	Advance registration required. Download registration form and liability waiver from HARVie (or call the Work/Life Office) and then submit it to Work/Life. You will receive confirmation of registration from Work/Life via email or US mail. PIAP will be notified at the same time.	Reserve care with PIAP by phone at 617-739-KIDS (617-730-5437) Hours: Mon - Thurs: 6am-8pm Friday: 6am-5pm Sat: Closed Sun: 5pm-8pm
Just in Time Care_ Program Get a \$350 reimbursement for money spent on back-up care	Just In Time Care (JITC): Get reimbursed \$350 per year for expenses related to back-up care for yourself, a parent, a spouse, or a child. Examples: care provided by your mother (or any other relative who doesn't live with you), babysitler, friend, a neighbor, any school vacation camps, center-based care, etc.	Benefits-eligible employees who have a full- time equivalent salary of less than \$70,000. (This does not refer to household income, but to the income of the Harvard employee in the family.) Covered: Children, elders, and other adults (including yourself).	FREE	No maximum days	Call Harvard's EAP (Employee Assistance Program) at 877-327-4278 to speak with a JTC consultant, who will send you a registration packet 8 reimbursement invoice via e-mail or US mail. Complete registration forms and send to JTC, JTC will contact you to confirm enrollment. Submit reimbursement invoice to JTC - contact info is on invoice.	Call Harvard's Employee Aseltance Program (EA 24/7 at 1-877-EAP-HARV (1-877-327-4278). Non-urgent after hours calls will be returned the next business day.
School's Out Vacation Camps Send your child to SCHOOL VACATION CAMPS	Camps held on-campus during public school vacations in February, April and August. Three locations: Cambridge campus, Longwood Medical Area, and Harvard Business School.	All benefits-eligible employees. Covered: School-age children (ages 6-12, grades 1-6).	\$20/day; \$100/week	No maximum days	Register online or by phone: www.brighthorizons.com/backup User name: Harvard Password: 4Backup Or: 1-868-273-2773	Enrollment opens about 4 weeks in advance of each session and works on a first-come, first- served basis (space is limited). Make reservations on-line or by phone 24/7. Can arrangements must be confirmed prior to use.
Harvard Employee. Assistance Program (EAP). HELP FINDING CHILD & ADULT CARE (Regular and Backup)	Child & Adult Care Information: * For any general child or adult care questions. * All information is confidential. * Find information on prices, availability, etc., for child and elder care. * Can be used for yourself. * Local AND national resources.	All benefits-eligible employees. Covered: Children, elders, and other adults (including yourself).	FREE	N/A	No registration necessary. Harvard's EAP will take some basic information about you, which will remain confidential.	Call Harvard's Employee Assitance Program (EA 24/7 at 1-877-EAP-HARV (1-877-327-4278). Non-urgent after hours calls will be returned the next business day.
Dependent Care Flexible Scending Account (FSA) Avoid taxes on up to \$10,000	Avoid taxes on up to \$10,000 per family when that money is spent on child care (\$5000 limit) or health-related expenses (additional \$5000 limit). Not administered through the Office of Work/Life	All benefits-eligible employees. Not administered through the Office of Work/Life	FREE	N/A	Generally, you can enroll in FSAs during Open Enrollment (the yearly benefits-selection process) or following a "Life Event." Call the Benefits Office at (617) 496-4001 or visit http://harvie.harvard.edu for details. Not administered through the Office of Work/Life	Call the Benefits Office at (617) 496-4001 or visi http://harvie.harvard.edu for details. Not administered through the Office of Work/Life

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- All information is confidential & stays with Wellness Corporation Harvard does not see any identifying information
- Can be used by you and your household members
- All calls answered by trained counselors
 - ☐ Child Care & Schools EAP does the footwork for you: they call on your behalf to find out availability, prices, etc.
 - □ Self Care, Adult Care, Elder Care nationwide
 - <u>Legal Aid</u> speak with a lawyer for free; 25% discount on extensive network after that
 - Workplace & Coworker Problems; Consultations for Managers
 - ☐ Financial Counseling debt, budget, investments, and more
 - □ Personal problems mental health & crisis care; problems with drugs, alcohol, and gambling; legal & financial problems; ANY personal issues
- Local AND national resources
- ❖ Bilingual and bicultural services in 12 languages
- Email & Live Chat available if phone is inconvenient for you

Additional Subsidies for Faculty

Office of Faculty Development & Diversity (FD&D)

- Additional financial support programs for faculty with child or adult dependent care obligations
- Holyoke Center, Suite 880
 1350 Massachusetts Avenue
 Cambridge, MA 02138
 (617) 495-9904(p) * (617) 495-7694(f)
 fdd@harvard.edu
- http://www.faculty.harvard.edu/

Additional Subsidies for FAS Postdoctoral Fellows

FAS Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

- Travel grants, professional advising, orientations, etc.
- Room 1010, Biological Labs Building, 16 Divinity Ave (617) 495-2052

Twitter: @harvardpostdoc

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 Harvard Intranet for Employees (HARVie): http://harvie.harvard.edu/workandlife

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