

Overview

Bucks County has seven Pre-K Counts grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grants allow families with children (who are 3 or 4 years old by September 1st) to enroll in an approved high quality, pre-school program at no cost to the family.

Included in this packet is the Bucks County Pre-K Counts application for the 2023-2024 school year. Families living in Pennsylvania with children who meet the required criteria will be considered for this five day-a-week program. All families must meet the income guidelines to be eligible for the program. A family of four can earn up to \$90,000 a year and still qualify.

Families who qualify financially and also have secondary at-risk factors (for example: English as a Second Language, Foster Care, Early Intervention Services, etc.) will be given priority consideration for the program.

To apply for Pre-K Counts in Bucks County, complete the application on pages 3, 4 and 5 of this packet. If you are completing the application electronically, please print and then sign the application (on page 5) before submitting it. Families may submit the Pre-K Counts application and all supporting documents to the school district or other contacts listed below.

Contacts

| Lead Agencies by School District | Other Lead Agencies |
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| <p>Bristol Township School District Amy Coleman 5 Blue Lake Road Levittown, PA 19057 267-599-2017 amy.coleman@bristoltwpsd.org</p> <p>Neshaminy School District Kim Johnson Pupil Services 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road Langhorne, PA 19047 215-809-6558 kjohnson@neshaminy.org</p> <p>Quakertown School District c/o LifeSpan School & Day Care Nicole Fetherman 2460 John Fries Highway Quakertown, PA 18951 215-536-4417 nfetherman@lq.org</p> <p>Pennsbury School District Laurie Ruffing Student Services Department 134 Yardley Ave, Fallsington, PA 19054 215-428-4100 ext. 20815 lruffing@pennsburyisd.org</p> | <p>Bucks County Intermediate Unit Katrina Brooks 705 N. Shady Retreat Road Doylestown, PA 18901 215-348-2940 ext. 8800 kbrooks@bucksiu.org</p> <p>Refuge Childcare Academy Angela Cary 1230 Plymouth Avenue Bristol, PA 19007 215-781-9698 rcaorg@yahoo.com</p> <p>United Way of Bucks County Kristi Moreno 413 Hood Boulevard Fairless Hills, PA 19030 215-949-1660, ext. 108 kristim@uwbucks.org</p> |

Application Checklist

Please submit copies of the items listed below with your application:

____ 2022 Federal Income Tax Return for all adults (18 and over) residing in your household
Please include ONLY the first 2 pages of Federal Form 1040; no other tax forms are required.

____ Child's Birth Certificate

____ Child's Social Security Card or Number on Tax Return

____ Parent/Guardian Photo ID

____ Pre-K Counts Application (all 3 pages must be completed)

____ Proof of Residency: Lease/Deed or Mortgage Coupon

____ Three (3) additional proofs of residency (utility bills, vehicle registration, home or car ins.)

The following items are due immediately upon acceptance into the program. You may submit these forms with your application, however it is not required.

____ Child's Immunization Records

____ Child's Physical (completed after September 1, 2022), including vision, hearing, and dental screenings.

Income Eligibility

Please Note: A family is eligible for Head Start (100% of poverty or lower), Child Care Works (200% of poverty or lower), Pre-K Counts (300% of poverty or lower)

2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines

| Household Size | 100% | 200% | 300% |
|----------------|----------|---------|---------|
| 1 | \$14,580 | 29,160 | 43,740 |
| 2 | \$19,720 | 39,440 | 59,160 |
| 3 | \$24,860 | 49,720 | 74,580 |
| 4 | \$30,000 | 60,000 | 90,000 |
| 5 | \$35,140 | 70,280 | 105,420 |
| 6 | \$40,280 | 80,560 | 120,840 |
| 7 | \$45,420 | 90,840 | 136,260 |
| 8 | \$50,560 | 101,120 | 151,680 |

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Please print clearly.

| SECTION 1: CHILD INFORMATION | |
|--|---|
| Child's Name _____ | Today's Date _____ |
| Ethnicity (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| Race (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |
| Child's Birth Date _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Child's Social Security Number _____ | Please submit a copy of the child's birth certificate. |
| <i>If you have English as a Second Language, please complete this section.</i> | |
| Language(s) spoken at home _____ Language(s) child speaks _____ | |
| Special Needs/Concerns Related to the Child: _____ <i>If the child is receiving early intervention services, please submit a copy of the child's IEP.</i> | |
| My local Elementary School: _____ in _____ School District. | |

| SECTION 2: PARENT INFORMATION | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Parent/Guardian #1: Name _____ | Date of Birth _____ |
| Employment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Military (Active, Reserve, or Veteran) | |
| Address _____ | Apt _____ |
| City _____ State PA | Zip Code _____ |
| Primary Phone Number _____ | Alternate Phone Number _____ |
| Email Address _____ | |
| Parent/Guardian #2: Name _____ | Date of Birth _____ |
| Employment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Military (Active, Reserve, or Veteran) | |
| Address _____ | Apt _____ |
| City _____ State PA | Zip Code _____ |
| Primary Phone Number _____ | Alternate Phone Number _____ |
| Email Address _____ | |
| Highest education level completed: Parent #1 _____ Parent #2 _____ | |

SECTION 3: HOUSEHOLD INCOME

*A copy of the **first two pages** of the **2022 federal income tax return** for **ALL adults** in the household must be submitted with this application.*

Income from all sources for all household members _____/year

Number of Adults (everyone over age 18) in the household _____ Ages _____

Number of Children in the household _____ Ages _____

Check one: I own my home I rent my home I am living with another family

FOR PROGRAM USE ONLY Income Verified by _____ Date _____

SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL CHILD INFORMATION (Required)

Are you currently enrolled in the Head Start Program? Yes No

Is your child enrolled in Child Care Works (subsidized child care)? Yes No

Does your family receive public benefits (TANF, Medical Assistance, SNAP, etc.)? Yes No

Is the parent a migrant (non-immigrant) or seasonal worker? Yes No

Is your child homeless (living in a motel, shelter, in substandard housing)? Yes No

Is your child in foster care, kinship care, or receiving Child Protective services? Yes No

Does your child receive behavioral supports or been referred for behavioral supports? Yes No

Was the child's mother less than 18 years of age when he/she was born? Yes No

Is one of the child's parents incarcerated? Yes No

Does the parent have a high school diploma or GED? Yes No

Are there concerns about the child's physical development or existing medical issues? Yes No

Are there concerns about the child's speech or language development? Yes No

Are there concerns about the child's social, emotional, or behavioral development? Yes No

If there is anything else that we should know about your child or your family, please explain here:

SECTION 5: RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Child's Name _____

When necessary to the fulfillment of the Pre-K Counts grant or to enhance services provided to my child or family, I authorize release and sharing of information to:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bucks County Intermediate Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| My local school district (_____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Pennsylvania Department of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

When necessary for the fulfillment or enhancement of the Pre-K Counts grant, I authorize the use of photographs in which my child appears for purposes including, but not limited to, newsletters, press releases, and/or brochures.

I authorize the use of my child's photo as described above. Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 6: PROGRAM ASSURANCES & SIGNATURE

- Families are considered for enrollment in Pre-K Counts after the completed application and all supporting documents have been received.
- Families are accepted on a "need" basis and not from the date the application was submitted.
- Families whose children are selected for the Pre-K Counts program *must provide transportation on a daily basis to and from the pre-school to which they are assigned.*
- Families are required to attend parent/guardian conferences and at least one parent workshop.
- Attendance is essential. Except for excused absences, children must be prompt and present on a daily basis.

Please check and sign: _____

HEAD START ELIGIBLE FAMILIES:
I understand I am eligible for Head Start, and have received information, but I prefer to enroll in the Pre-K Counts program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

To the best of my knowledge the information on this application is accurate.

I accept the responsibilities of a Pre-K Counts family.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

**All documents listed on page 2 must be included with your application.
We will not review or accept any application without all supporting documents.
Please submit this application and all documents requested to the Lead Agencies listed on Page 1.
Thank you!**