

## Who May Apply

To be eligible for consideration for the EAS childcare subsidy, students must:

1. Be enrolled at least half-time in a University of Colorado Colorado Springs College of Engineering and Applied Science degree program at the undergraduate or graduate level.
2. Incur childcare expenses from a childcare provider licensed by the State of Colorado.
3. Demonstrate financial need for this subsidy through FAFSA application (see below).
4. Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the University of Colorado. ([Satisfactory Academic Progress | Financial Aid, Student Employment, and Scholarships \(uccs.edu\)](#))
5. Have no partner/spouse, or have a partner/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. (A combination of school and work for 20 hours per week will be considered.)

UCCS will make an exception to employment criteria for a non-student partner/spouse who cannot work due to a disability. Please note this on your application so your situation may be considered during review. You may be asked to document your partner/spouse's employment or student status.

Note: If you do not meet eligibility criteria for the Child Care Subsidy Program but believe you have an extenuating circumstance, please contact [eas@uccs.edu](mailto:eas@uccs.edu) and offer details.

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## How to Apply

1. Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (U.S. citizens and permanent residents only) using School Code 004509. International students should not complete the FAFSA but should see Step 2c below. If you have already submitted this year's FAFSA to apply for financial aid, do NOT submit it again.
2. Complete and submit to the UCCS Office of Financial Aid:
  - a. The appropriate EAS Child Care Subsidy Application.
  - b. International students only: Submit both the EAS Child Care Subsidy Application and a .pdf version of the FAFSA form ([2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)).

Note: If you previously submitted any of these forms to apply for financial aid, do NOT submit them again.

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## When to Apply

For Fall and Spring

The application for this term is made available in NLT April and due by July 15<sup>th</sup> for priority consideration, and notifications will be sent to eligible applicants in early August. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the Fall semester and will be considered based on funding availability.

Funding may be limited – should funding be exhausted, the application will be removed from our website.

For Spring only (if funding is available)

The application for this term is made available NLT October and due by November 15<sup>th</sup> for priority consideration, and notifications will be sent to eligible applicants in early December. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the Spring semester and will be considered based on funding availability. Funding may be limited – should funding be exhausted, the application will be removed from our website.

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### **How Much is The Subsidy?**

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

2023-2024 Maximums

For one child, the maximum is \$3,500 per term

For two children, the maximum is \$5,000 per term

For three or more children, award maximum is \$6,500 per term

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### **Points of Contact**

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