



WomenGive FAQs

If you do not find the answer to your question below, please contact:
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What are the criteria for receiving a scholarship?

1. Single mother or female with primary custody of children not cohabitating with an intimate partner
2. Resident of Larimer County OR live outside of Larimer County, but meet **two** of the criteria below:
 - I attend school in Larimer County (verified through transcripts)
 - I work in Larimer County (verified through paystubs)
 - I and/or my children receive public benefits in Larimer County (verified through benefits letter)
 - My children attend school and/or daycare in Larimer County (verified through enrollment letter)
3. Income at or below 225% of the Federal Poverty Level, including wages and child support (see chart below)
4. Not in default on a federal student loan
5. Transcripts reflect minimum 2.0 grade point average for college classes OR new student
6. Pursuing a certificate, Associate's, bachelor's or Master's * program that aligns with traditional semester cycles.
 - Due to scholarship timelines, programs that are quarterly or based on hours cannot be considered for the scholarship.
 - *Scholarships for Master's degree students are limited to available funding. Applicants pursuing their first undergraduate degree have priority.
7. Using a licensed childcare provider
8. Plan to enroll in a minimum of six credits for Fall/Spring semesters (3 credit minimum for Summer Semester)

How do I set up a meeting with the WomenGive Program Manager?

***Request an appointment via email by contacting Hannah Bade at hbade@uwaylc.org ***

What happens during the meeting with the WomenGive Program Manager?

Meetings with the WomenGive Program Manager include resources and referrals to assist you on your journey through education, information about self-sufficiency and expected wages for your career and a thorough review of your application before submission. For any applicant not working with Project Self-Sufficiency, meetings must be held with WomenGive Program Manager *prior* to application submission. WomenGive Program Manager can only accommodate rescheduling a WomenGive applicant meeting 1x per semester to ensure all applicants can be supported.

What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship covers the cost of direct care services per child depending on the number of credits you take and the age of your children. It does **NOT** cover previous balances, registration fees, activity fees, late fees or extra meals. **WomenGive CAN cover a CCAP parent fee.** Maximum awards are based on the rates below. Please note that Fall/Spring maximums are different than Summer semesters for number of credits required and costs. *These rates are adjusted every year*

WomenGive Scholarship Limits-SPRING/FALL			
# of Credits	0-2 yr olds	3- 5 yr olds	K-12 B/A
12 or more	\$350	\$290	\$130
9-11	\$300	\$250	\$130
6-8	\$230	\$190	\$130

WomenGive Scholarship Limits-SUMMER			
# of Credits	0-2 yr olds	3- 5 yr olds	K-12
9 or more	\$350	\$290	\$275
6-8	\$300	\$250	\$225
3-5	\$230	\$190	\$175

What is 225% of Federal Poverty Level?

WomenGive uses 225% of the Federal Poverty Level* to determine program eligibility. The following guidelines are used:

Family Size Including Parent	Maximum Annual Income	Maximum Monthly Income
Single parent with 1 child	\$38,048	\$3,171
Single parent with 2 children	\$47,993	\$3,999
Single parent with 3 children	\$57,938	\$4,828
Single parent with 4 children	\$67,883	\$5,657
Single parent with 5 children	\$77,828	\$6,486

*retrieved from <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines> on 1/17/2019. Poverty guidelines are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

I don't know if my childcare provider is licensed. How do I find out?

Requesting to see a license is up to date from a provider is an important step in ensuring your child is in quality care. You may also search your provider at www.coloradoshines.com. Providers with a level 1 are licensed with the State of Colorado.

I have received WomenGive in the past but it has been over 2 years. What application do I use?

If you are applying for WomenGive after not receiving for WomenGive for 2 years or more, you must fill out a "New" applicant application. A lot can change in 2 years. Filling out the "new" applicant application provides the committee with the information necessary to make their decision if things have changed.

What happens if I have to leave school?

Because scholarships are based on number of credit hours, dropping out or leaving school for some extenuating circumstances will cause you to forfeit your scholarship. It is your requirement to notify WomenGive within 10 days of dropping your classes so WomenGive funds can be recovered.

What if my childcare costs are more than my scholarship award?

Any costs not covered by the scholarship award are to be paid by the recipient. Individuals who are participants in Project Self-Sufficiency may have their application submitted to the Project Self-Sufficiency childcare fund to cover additional costs. Please speak with your advisor or the WomenGive Program Manager. If you attend Front Range Community College, you may be eligible for [CCAMPIS](#) to cover a difference of anything 40% of your costs or under.

What if I want to change childcare providers at some point through the semester?

WomenGive cannot facilitate changes in childcare providers after the childcare provider form and contract have been returned. Be careful in your choice of childcare provider. Exceptions to this may be considered under special circumstances. Please speak with the WomenGive Program Manager about any concerns.

Can my scholarship amount increase after it is awarded if I add more classes?

You cannot change your scholarship amount after the award letter and provider MOU agreements have been signed. If you believe that you will take more credits than you are registered for at the time of applying then you should factor that into the scholarship award calculator and then notify WomenGive of any changes to your credit hour IMMEDIATELY.

I am applying for the scholarship and do not have my official class schedule yet, what should I do?

Continue to fill out the application, making sure to assume the highest number of credits you may take for the scholarship award calculator. When you do have an official schedule, be sure to email it to the WomenGive Program Manager as soon as possible. Please note that we cannot increase a scholarship amount once it has been awarded.

I already have a bachelor's degree and am going for my second degree because of a career change. Am I eligible?

WomenGive gives applicants pursuing their first undergraduate degree priority. Individuals who have Master's degrees or higher already and are going back to school are not eligible.

When can I use my WomenGive Scholarship?

WomenGive scholarships apply for the time you are in school and the week of spring break and finals. It is **your** responsibility to include finals week on your paperwork if you will need childcare during that time. WomenGive does not cover Winter Break or any gaps between semesters. You are responsible for paying for your childcare if you continue to use care during those times. *It is important to check with your childcare provider about how to reserve your slot for your child if you stop using care during those breaks.*