

**OVERVIEW - BEST BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**CHILD CARE1-5**

**Child Care Sliding Fee Scale**

**Supersedes:** Child Care 1-5 (3/1/14)

**References:** 52-2-713 and 53-4-611 MCA  
Section 37.80.202 ARM  
45 CFR Part 98.42

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**General Rule**

For fiscal purposes of the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship programs, the Early Childhood Services Bureau [ECSB] uses the State of Montana fiscal year calendar, which is July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

**Sliding Fee Scale**

The Child Care Sliding Fee Scale is a guide to determine the family's monthly co-payment obligation to the child care provider.

Go to [www.bestbeginnings.mt.gov](http://www.bestbeginnings.mt.gov) to view the sliding fee scale.

**Co-payment is Required**

Parents must pay their monthly co-payment to their child care provider to remain eligible for a Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship. See Co-payment Requirements in Policy Section 6-4.