

Julie & Jayson Humble

Bright Beginnings

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



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Every Child Deserves a Strong Start

The years before kindergarten are an important time for your child to build the early learning, social, and emotional skills they need to enter school ready to learn.

The Julie & Jayson Humble Bright Beginnings Scholarship was created to help your family access a high-quality preschool experience that prepares your child for success in kindergarten and beyond.



Could This Scholarship Help Your Family?

You may be eligible if:

- You live within the City of Barberton
- Your child is preschool-aged, generally ages 3–5
- Your child attends or plans to attend a preschool that participates in Ohio's Step Up To Quality program
- Your family demonstrates financial need



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■ Here are a few things to know before beginning your Bright Beginnings Scholarship application.

■ HOW THE PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WORKS

The scholarship is designed to cover the full cost of preschool tuition whenever possible. Award amounts are based on your family's circumstances and the cost of the selected preschool program, and funds are paid directly to the preschool.

■ YOUR CHILD DESERVES A GREAT PRESCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Children learn best when they have caring teachers, engaging classrooms, and opportunities to build the skills they need for school and life.

That is why Bright Beginnings Scholarship recipients attend a preschool that participates in Ohio's Step Up To Quality program.

Step Up To Quality is Ohio's quality rating system for early learning programs. Participating preschools meet quality standards for teacher training, classroom environments, and child development practices.

Not sure whether your preschool participates?

Search for participating programs at childcaresearch.ohio.gov.

■ TELL US ABOUT YOUR CHILD

We would love to learn more about your child and your family's goals.

The application will ask how preschool can help your child learn, grow, and prepare for kindergarten, as well as how access to preschool can support your family.

Whether you are working, pursuing education, seeking employment, or simply looking for the best possible start for your child, we want to hear your story.

■ GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS

You will be asked to provide:

- Proof of Barberton residency
- Proof of preschool enrollment or acceptance
- One form of income verification, such as:
 - A recent tax return, first two pages only
 - Recent pay stubs from the parent, guardian, or caregiver financially responsible for the child
 - SNAP or public assistance documentation, if necessary

All information is kept confidential and used only to determine scholarship eligibility and awards.

■ MAKE A TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The application will ask how your child will get to and from preschool each day.

You may plan to drive, walk, carpool, use busing, or make another arrangement. There is no right or wrong answer. We simply want to understand your family's plan for regular attendance.

Contact us if you need help making a plan.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Applications Open

July 31, 2026

Applications Deadline

August 30, 2026

Awards Announced:
Mid-September 2026

Funds Sent to Preschools:
Late September 2026



Ready to Apply?

Scan the QR code to apply online

■ WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Questions about the application, required documents, transportation, or qualifying preschools?

Call Barberton Community Foundation at 330-745-5995.

We would be happy to help you through the process.

Made possible by Julie and Jayson Humble, who believe every child deserves access to the strongest start possible.