

**How does tuition assistance work?**

The Town of Frisco's Tuition Assistance Program works on the premise that households should not spend more than 5%-20% of their gross income on child care. For households who qualify for tuition assistance we calculate a household's annual child care expenses at a local license child care provider and when that exceeds 5%-20% of their income our program provides assistance through monthly parent fee. The parent fee is determined by family income, number of days enrolled in licensed program per week and number of children in care. The monthly parent fee assures that a household can afford to pay for their child care throughout the year and that their expense will not exceed 5%-20% of their gross income.

**We live in Dillon but my spouse works in Frisco do we qualify for your program?**

You would indeed qualify as long as one household member works for an employer based in the 10 Mile Basin area at least 30 hours per week. The Ten Mile Basin, hereafter referred to as "the Basin," encompasses that portion of Summit County, Colorado that extends from the Gore Range on the north to the Lake County line (just north of Fremont Pass) on the south. The east and west boundaries are a portion of the Tenmile Range and the Eagle County line respectively (see Ten Mile Basin & Subbasin Areas Map). Located in the southwestern portion of the County, the Basin includes the Town of Frisco and Copper Mountain Ski Resort. Households must live and/or work in 10 Mile Basin area.

Households that live in the Town of Frisco will be eligible for a higher level of tuition assistance than households who live outside Town limits.

**I work but my spouse stays home with our infant. Do we qualify for your program?**

This is a workforce program and both parents must be employed and at least one of them must work a minimum average of 30 hours per week annually. However, in order to qualify for tuition assistance for full time child care (4 or 5 days per week) both parents MUST work a minimum of 30 hours on average per week.

**We are expecting a baby after the annual enrollment deadline, can we still apply?**

First, congratulations on your pregnancy or adoption plans! To apply for tuition assistance during the annual enrollment period, the baby's due date (or expected adoption date) must be written on the original application along with an expected start date at one of the participating licensed child care programs for the child. You may begin receiving an award for tuition assistance once your child begins care at one of the participating programs. Please make sure to contact the Child Care Program Administrator by the 15th of the month before you expect your child to start attending child care to confirm that your paperwork is complete.

**We utilize care from one of the participating Frisco child care programs as well as a licensed child care program that is not part of the Frisco Tuition assistance program. Will all of our child care costs be considered?**

Yes, we will look at your overall licensed child care costs for children ages birth through 5 years old when determining your out-of-pocket child care expenses. If you qualify for tuition assistance, the assistance will be paid directly to the participating center(s).

**We split custody of our child. How should we apply?**

There are 2 options:

- Option #1: A parent may apply individually if they include their custody agreement in their application. The assistance will be for the days the applicant works and the child is in their custody.
- Option #2: Parents can apply together and we will consider both incomes. We will consider all the days the child is in child care regardless of what day either parent has custody. Household size will reflect two parents.

**I'm afraid my W2s, paystubs, and taxes don't accurately reflect my income, what can I do?**

Feel free to include a letter of explanation with your application that will help us better understand your current situation.

**Why does the Town of Frisco use gross income for their calculations?**

To keep the playing field fair for all households in any employment situation we use gross income. To use your net income or even your taxable gross income could provide some households with an additional benefit since they have other programs like 401ks or insurance reducing their annual taxable income.

**We have been awarded tuition assistance, but need to make a change to our child care schedule. How will that impact our tuition assistance?**

Changes to schedules are strongly discouraged as they impact the licensed child care provider operations and staffing and they impact your amount of tuition assistance; however, recognizing that some changes are inevitable, households are asked to notify the licensed child care provider and the Child Care Program Administrator by the 15th of the previous month in order for tuition assistance adjustments to be calculated based on your new schedule.