

The Edwina Paine Childcare Fund Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds

Purpose:

The purpose of the Stockbridge Childcare fund is to offset childcare or early childhood development expenses incurred by town residents with children 10 years and under. The disbursement can be used for any purpose: childcare inside or outside the home, support the family for a stay at home or work from home parent, etc.

Eligibility:

Full time residents of Stockbridge with children

Award amount:

\$3,000 per child per fiscal year (\$250/ month), from birth through 3 years of age, when eligible for pre-school.

\$1,500 per child per fiscal year (\$125/ month) from 4 years through 10 years of age, for a maximum of \$19,500 per child, contingent on funding availability.

Award Disbursement:

Trustees of Public Funds will review applications in July and provide disbursement once per year.

Application Requirements:

While there is no application form to fill out, applicants must provide:

- Home address, mailing address (if different), email address and phone number
- Copy of page 1 of current year Vermont homestead tax file and/or rental agreement, utility bill with your name and address on it
- Copy of birth certificate of each child (for proof of age)
- Completion of a W-9. (www.irs.gov. Select: find forms & instructions; search: W-9.)

Application Due Date:

- 1 Application per family per year will be considered. Due date for application is **June 30 annually**.
- For babies born after June 30 in a given year, Trustees will prorate distribution to birth date.
- Mailing address:
Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds
Attention: Childcare Fund
PO Box 39
Stockbridge, Vt 05772

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Edwina Paine Childcare Fund FAQ's

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds

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1. Q: Must I be a Stockbridge resident to be eligible for the Child Care Fund?

A: Yes, you need to provide proof that at least 1 parent or legal guardian and your child/ren are full-time residents of Stockbridge to be eligible. A copy of your Stockbridge town tax bill, utility bill, page 1 of your homestead tax declaration or rental agreement highlighting your address all serve as proof of residency.

2. Q: My child was born before we moved here but we live here now, am I still eligible?

A: Yes, you are eligible for a prorated Child Care disbursement from the time you move to Stockbridge until your child is 10 years old.

3. Q: I am a stay-at-home parent, are my children still eligible for the Childcare fund?

A: Yes, regardless of work status, as long as 1 parent or legal guardian and the child/ren are residents of Stockbridge, the family qualifies for the Childcare fund.

4. Q: When can I expect checks?

A: Disbursement will be once per year in August.

5. Q: If I already applied, do I have to apply again?

A: Yes, you must supply updated proof of residency annually to receive disbursement.

6. Q: What has changed with the program?

A: To simplify the process, there is 1 application process for everyone. **Apply by June 30 to receive the full year child care support.**

7. Q: What if my child was born after the application deadline?

A: Submit all application requirements (proof of residency, birth certificate, W-9) and your grant will be prorated to their birth month. (\$250/month).

8. Q: Is the childcare grant taxable?

A: The IRS may consider your grant income. Please check with your tax professional for the specific impact for your family.

9. Q: Why do I need to fill out a W-9 form when I initially apply?

A: Because the IRS may consider this income, depending on your circumstances, so the town must have a W-9 on file.