



RI Pre-Kindergarten Lottery Application 2026-2027

RI Pre-K is currently accepting applications from families with children who turn four on or before September 1, 2026, are not eligible for kindergarten, and live in one of the eligible communities listed below. For more information, please visit the RI Pre-K page on the RIDE website.

The 2026-2027 RI Pre-K communities are:

- Bristol-Warren
- Central Falls
- Coventry
- Cranston
- East Providence
- Johnston
- Lincoln
- Middletown
- Newport
- North Kingstown
- North Providence
- Pawtucket
- Portsmouth
- Providence
- Smithfield
- Warwick
- Westerly
- West Warwick
- Woonsocket

Application Information

The lottery is available online and through this paper application.

All lottery applications must be entered into the online lottery system to be eligible for lottery selection. To have your paper application entered into the online lottery system, please bring your application to a participating RI Pre-K program.

An active email address needs to be included in the RI Pre-K lottery. This email address is where you will receive an application confirmation code and notification from a program of your child's lottery selection.

Once the application information is uploaded into the online system, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address listed on the application. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please follow up with the program.

Paper applications must be delivered to programs by 4:00 pm, on June 19, 2026.

Online applications accepted until 11:59 pm on June 22, 2026.

To be eligible for RI Pre-K enrollment, children **must**:

- Turn or be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026; and
- Not be eligible to attend Kindergarten; and
- Live in the community where the RI Pre-K program is located; and
- Agree to all eligibility and enrollment requirements.

Upon enrollment, a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and ***monthly*** family income will be required. The family's total income is verified to match what is reported in this application for child enrollment to be completed.

Total ***monthly*** family income is defined as gross cash income (**income before taxes or deductions**) and includes all income, military income (including pay and allowances), veterans' benefits, Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation, and public assistance benefits.

Verification of all these elements may impact eligibility for the program, even if selected through the state supervised lottery. As a result, please ensure that all information is accurate before applying.

Each classroom enrolls 18 to 20 children. Children are randomly assigned to classrooms in their community through the lottery, or in order, based on a waitlist.

When completing an application for communities that have more than one RI Pre-K program, families prioritize their top 3 choices. If not selected, your child will be placed on the waitlist of the program ranked as their first choice only.

Please ***do not*** submit applications to the RI Department of Education.

Only ***one application per child*** may be submitted. Siblings with the same birthday apply using one application. Duplicate applications will be deleted.

Application information and program selections will be entered into the online lottery system. Once the application information is uploaded into the online system, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address listed on the application.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, please follow up with the program.

**If you have questions, please contact the RI Pre-K team
at RIPre-K@ride.ri.gov**

**Rhode Island Pre-Kindergarten Lottery Application
2026-2027**

CHILD'S FULL NAME:

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

CHILD'S HOME ADDRESS:

Street Address/Apt # _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CHILD'S GENDER: Male Female

GUARDIAN/PARENT INFORMATION:

Relationship to the child: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

**An active email address must be included to receive lottery confirmation.

ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Relationship to the child: _____

Name: _____

Street Address/Apt. # _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Child's Race/Ethnicity (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> White | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic | |
| <input type="radio"/> African American | <input type="radio"/> Asian | |
| <input type="radio"/> Native American | <input type="radio"/> Alaskan Native | |
| <input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="radio"/> Pacific Islander | <input type="radio"/> Other |

What language(s) are spoken at home? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> English | <input type="radio"/> Spanish | <input type="radio"/> German |
| <input type="radio"/> Portuguese | <input type="radio"/> Chinese | <input type="radio"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="radio"/> French | | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ | | |

Does any member of the child's household receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or RI Works (RIW) Cash Assistance? If selected by the lottery for enrollment, you will be required to submit dated documentation verifying eligibility/benefits.

- Yes No Prefer not to answer

How many people live in your household? _____

How many people in your household are over 18? _____

What is your average *monthly* household income at the time of this application?

- This information will be verified if my child is enrolled.
- To determine your gross monthly income, use the worksheet provided.
- When calculating your income, total all the following sources: gross cash income (income before taxes or deductions) including earned income, military income (including pay and allowances), veterans' benefits, Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation, and public assistance benefits.

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| <input type="radio"/> \$3,336 or below | <input type="radio"/> \$3,337 - \$4,212 | <input type="radio"/> \$4,213 - \$5,088 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$5,089 - \$5,963 | <input type="radio"/> \$5,964 - \$6,839 | <input type="radio"/> \$6,840 - \$7,715 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$7,716 - \$8,590 | <input type="radio"/> \$8,591 - \$9,466 | <input type="radio"/> \$9,467 or more |

Rank your choice of programs in order from 1-3 within your community of residence.

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2.
3.

To apply online, visit <https://ripreklottery.ride.ri.gov/> or use the QR code below:



Initial the boxes and sign below to acknowledge that you have read and agree to the following statements upon enrolling your child into the RI Pre-K Program.

I attest the information provided is correct and I understand that filing documents containing false information with the government is illegal. (RIGL 11-18-1).

I understand that my income will be verified and must match what is reported in this application for child enrollment to be completed.

I will adhere to the RI Pre-K policies and the times for the start and end of the class times.

I understand that I am responsible for providing transportation to and from the program.

I understand only some programs offer on-site before and after-school services and there may be a fee for participating in those childcare services.

I understand that attendance is a priority and commit to my child's ongoing and regular attendance.

I understand that if my child is absent for 20 or more unexcused absences, my child may lose their RI Pre-K seat.

I commit to sharing information and data with the local school department, the RI Department of Education, and the RI Department of Human Services when appropriate.

I confirm that my child will participate in Child Outreach Screening as part of RI Pre-K.

I understand that if my child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), I should contact the district office of special education where I live to discuss my child's placement and services.

I understand that RI Pre-K is a full day/full week program and part time attendance and split placements are not available.

I confirm that I can be reached at the phone number and email listed in this application if my child is chosen to participate in RI Pre-K.

Guardian/Parent Signature _____

Date _____

RI Pre-K Programs in the 2026-2027 Lottery

Bristol-Warren

1. East Bay Community Action Program – 790 Main Street (401-245-2833)
2. The Children's Workshop - 410 Child Street (401-247-2503)

Central Falls

1. Central Falls School Department-
 - Capt. Hunt Early Learning Center, 12 Kendall Street (401-727-7720)
*** Applications are available on site and at Central Office 949 Dexter Street*
2. Progreso Latino - 626 Broad Street (401-603-7098)
3. NurturEd Early Learning Center – 43 Hawes Street (401-722-0620)
4. The Children's Workshop - 151 Hunt Street (401-727-4474)

Coventry

1. CHILD, Inc. - 23 Cady Street (401-823-3228)
2. Coventry Schools Early Childhood Department (401-397-1976)
 - Blackrock Elementary - 12 La Casa Drive
***Applications available at Washington Oak, 801 Read Schoolhouse Rd*

Cranston

1. Cranston Public Schools -
 - Arlington Elementary School, 155 Princess Ave. (401-270-8057)
2. Cadence Academy - 546 Budlong Road (401-228-3317)
3. CCAP Child Development Center - 848 Atwood Avenue (401-943-5160)
4. Little Learners Academy –
 - 950 Phenix Ave. (401-714-0088)
 - 379 Atwood Ave (401-452-0379)

East Providence

1. East Bay Community Action Program - 70 Turner Ave. (401-649-4233)
2. East Providence School Department (401-270-1777)
 - Oldham School - 60 Bart Drive
*** Applications available at East Providence Administration Offices, 1998 Pawtucket Ave*
3. The Children's Workshop - 411 Narragansett Park Drive (401-434-1118)

Johnston

1. Johnston Public Schools
 - a. Early Childhood Center – 10 Memorial Avenue (401-233-0054)
2. Over The Rainbow - 1269 Plainfield Street (401-383-4664)

Lincoln

1. Academy for Little Children – 6 Wake Robin Road (401-333-4222)
2. Cadence Academy – 25 Blackstone Valley Place (401-334-2210)

Middletown

1. East Bay Community Action Program – (401-367-2001 ext. 2210)
 - Forest Ave School -315 Forest Avenue
 - ** Applications for these sites can be picked up and dropped off at 8 John Chaffee Blvd.
2. Sandpipers Early Learning Center – 31 John Clarke Road (401-848-4102)

Newport

1. East Bay Community Action Program - 8 John H. Chafee Blvd. (401-367-2001)

North Kingstown

1. Sunshine Child Development Center - 11 Iafrate Way (401-294-3510)

North Providence

1. Tri-County Community Agency - 79 Waterman Avenue (401-519-1979)

Pawtucket

1. Children's Friend and Service - Dean Center - 13 Legion Drive (401-752-7700)
2. NurturEd Early Learning Center – 25 Thornley Street (401-722-7000)
3. Heritage Park YMCA - 333 Roosevelt Avenue (401-727-7050)
4. Pawtucket School Department –
 - Fallon Memorial School - 62 Lincoln Avenue (401-729-6254)
 - Henry Winters School – 481 Broadway (401-729-6272)
 - Francis Varieur School – 489 Pleasant Street (401-729-6266)
5. The Children's Workshop – 178 East Street (401-728-3050)

Portsmouth

1. Countryside Children's Center – 1676 East Main Road (401-683-0991)

Providence

1. Beautiful Beginnings –
 - 700 Elmwood Avenue (401-785-8485)
 - CCRI Liston Campus - 1 Hilton Street (401-785-8485)
 - ** Applications for this site can be picked up and dropped off at 700 Elmwood Avenue
2. Children's Friend and Service –
 - Friendship Center - 350 Point Street (401-752-7600)
 - Berkshire Center - 99 Berkshire Street (401-752-7500)
 - Hartford Center - 550 Hartford Avenue (401-752-7950)
 - Althea Center - 70 Union Avenue (401-495-3600)
3. NurturEd Early Learning Center - 133 Delaine Street (401-228-8554)
4. Genesis Center – 620 Potters Avenue (401-781-6110 ext.24)
5. Imagine Preschool - 520 Hope Street (401-298-4534 or 401-563-2728)
6. The Grace School - 1000 Eddy Street (401-533-9247)
 - RI Pre-K Only

7. Over the Rainbow - 50 Niantic Avenue (401-383-0068)
8. Providence Public Schools – (401-456-9179)
 - Pleasant View Elementary School – 50 Obediah Brown Road (401-456-9325)
 - School Hours 9:05-3:25
 - Narducci Learning Center - 110 Paul Street (401-456-9369)
 - ** Site of Harry Kizirian RI Pre-K 2026-2027
 - School Hours 7:45-2:30
 - Spaziano Elementary School – 35 Merino Street (401-456-9389)
 - School Hours 8:50-3:30
9. Smith Hill Early Childhood Learning Center - 25 Danforth Street (401-455-3890)
10. The Children’s Workshop -15 Clarkson Street (401-383-9958)

Smithfield

1. Cadence Academy – 22 Cedar Swamp Road (401-233-2828)
2. Little Learners Academy – 440 George Washington Highway (401-373-0002)

Warwick

1. CHILD, Inc. –
 - 849 Centerville Road (401-823-3777)
 - Warwick and West Warwick residents may apply
 - 160 Draper Avenue (401-732-5200)
 - Warwick residents only
2. Precious Years – 205 Hallene Road, Building C, #324 (401-738-0550)

West Warwick

1. Academy for Little Children - 10 James P Murphy Industrial Highway (401-823-5000)

Westerly

1. Cadence Academy – 42 Franklin Street (401-315-5544)
2. Tri-County Community Action – 34 Pond Street (401-596-7272)

Woonsocket

1. Connecting for Children and Families - 46 Hope Street (401-766-3384)
2. Woonsocket Head Start Child Development Association (401-769-1850)
 - Bourdon Boulevard Center – 2 Bourdon Blvd.
 - Cass Park Center – 350 Newland Ave.
 - Karen Bouchard Center – 204 Warwick Street
 - Pothier Elementary School - 420 Robinson Street
3. YWCA Rhode Island - 514 Blackstone Street (401-769-7450)