Overview
Childswork believes that all families should have access to quality early childhood education for their children. In partnership with TADS (a Financial Aid Assessment organization), and depending on the availability of funds, Childswork provides financial aid to needy families who would like to attend our school.

Timeline and Qualifications
Financial Aid applications are due to TADS by April 30th. TADS reviews the applications and makes a recommendation to Childswork based on the quality of the application (Good, Fair or Poor). Childswork will not consider any “Poor” applications. And “Fair” applications will only be considered under special circumstances. Information about TADS and their application can be found on our website: www.childswork.org under “Enrollment: Scholarships.”

TADS makes a recommendation on scholarship amount per student based on the family’s calculated need and Childswork’s scholarship budget. During the month of May, Childswork works with TADS to create a final report of recommended scholarships and amounts.

- While TADS makes recommendations, the Childswork Scholarship Committee (a Board Member, Finance Manager and Executive Director) makes the final decision.
- Sometimes there are special circumstances that are considered outside of the TADS report.
- Childswork scholarships only cover tuition during the regular school year. They do not cover before or after care, camps, enrichment, KNO, fees, etc.
- Childswork scholarships are never more than 50% of tuition per child and never more than $2,500 per child. Often times actual amounts are much less, depending on how many applications we have and the level of need.
- Scholarships are applied evenly across ten months to coincide with tuition payments.

In late May/early June, Childswork informs all families who applied for scholarships of a decision and award amount if applicable.

When possible, Childswork will reserve up to 10% of its scholarship fund for unforeseen emergencies or unexpected needs that come up during the year.

Scholarship Awards Combined with OPQ/DHS Contract
Childswork is working with the State of Oregon’s Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide childcare to families who qualify for Employment Related Day Care (ERDC). Childswork has a contract designed especially for OPQ designated schools. The goal of these contracts is to provide stable, quality childcare for children for 136 hours a month over 12 months. Given that the funds available from DHS do not cover the full cost of 136 hours a month at Childswork, families can either cover the balance themselves or can apply to Childswork for scholarship funds to compliment DHS funds (if scholarship funds are available).

Due to these special circumstances and the increased level of need of families with DHS contracts, Childswork will allow greater flexibility in the use of its scholarship funds for these cases. Scholarships used in conjunction with DHS funding can be used over a 12 month year and be applied to class time, before and after care, camps, and fees, wherever the scholarship funds are needed.