Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant
Funding Period August 2020 – June 2021
Information, Eligibility Guidelines, and Application

Cornell undergraduate, graduate and professional students are eligible to apply.

Background Information and Funding
In 2004, Cornell University became one of the first universities in the nation to offer a child care grant program for student-parents. The objective of this program had been to provide financial assistance to as many Cornell students with child care expenses as possible. In 2015, Cornell made a significant investment in our student-parent community by contributing $250,000 to be awarded annually as Student Child Care Grants; another $100,000 was added in 2017. Cornell’s funding for the Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant Program is $350,000 for 2020-21. We anticipate a continued separate Summer Care Program to support summer care expenses (to be announced in spring ’21). Because we prioritize offering the academic year Cornell Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant Program, the availability of the Summer Care Program will be determined by funds left over after the 2020-21 program has ended.

In response to the COVID pandemic, the goal of the 2020-21 Cornell Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant is to provide greater access to intentionally support more student-parents and provide financial support that allows student-parents more flexibility and autonomy to determine how best to use the funds to support their child(ren) and individual situation.

How Does the Program Work?
Student-parents can receive a taxable grant based on the amount of grant funds available and their ability to meet eligibility requirements. As noted below, eligibility looks at the student’s academic status, household income, and the age of child. After assessment of the various eligibility requirements, some families will be eligible for partial grants and others will be eligible for full grants.

In the spirit of meeting the objective of serving as many Cornell student-parents as possible, and given the finite pool of funds available, awards will be made to all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria though the amount awarded may be less than the maximum indicated depending on the number of eligible students. Maximum grant award amounts for August 2020 - June 2021:

- Infant/Toddler/Preschool (infant through preschool): maximum of $4,100 per child
- School-aged Children (kindergarten up to age 13): maximum of $1,030 per child
- Age 13 through High School Graduation: maximum of $525 per child

There are also special categories which would warrant additional grant funds. If you are a single parent or have a child with a disability, you may qualify for the following amounts:

- Infant/Toddler/Preschool (infant through preschool): maximum of $1,030
- School-aged (kindergarten up to age 13): maximum of $325
- Age 13 through High School Graduation: maximum of $160

Maximum award amount per household is $12,500.
Who is eligible?
Eligibility requirements to be considered for the Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant 2020-21 include:

1. All Cornell student-parents are eligible to receive the Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant.
   a. If your spouse or partner is a student at Cornell, your household can only apply for one grant.
   b. If your spouse or partner is employed by Cornell as a benefits-eligible employee, you are not eligible for the student grant. In this circumstance, please apply for the faculty/staff grant program. Families can not apply to both programs.

2. Student-parents need to be enrolled as a full-time student in a Cornell University degree program at the undergraduate, graduate, or professional level during the semester that you apply for the Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant.

3. Student-parents need to be the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child (newborn through high school graduation) during the academic year.

4. The child(ren) must reside full-time in your local residence while you are completing your academic program. Awards may be pro-rated for student-parents who have child(ren) in full-time custody during part of the academic year.

5. To support student-parents who most need financial support, the following family AGI (2019) will be used, along with the age of the child(ren), to determine the amount award. Students with family AGI over $150,000 are not eligible.

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<th>Household Income (per 2019 information)</th>
<th>Infant/Toddler/Preschool (per child)</th>
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6. Additional funds may be awarded if you are either a single parent or have a child with a disability. The amount added to the award is noted below.
   a. Infant/Toddler/Preschool (up through preschool) = $1,030 maximum
   b. School-Aged Children (kindergarten up to age 12) = $325 maximum
   c. Age 13 through High School Graduation = $160 maximum

7. Maximum award amount per household is $12,500.

8. There is no requirement that the spouse/partner be engaged in activity outside of the home (i.e. work, student or volunteer).

9. If you received a student loan during 2020-21, this award may impact your student loan eligibility.
10. If you will be adding a child to your family (through birth or adoption) this year, you are eligible to apply once you have the child. If this takes place during the academic year, your grant will be considered based on funds available and prorated accordingly. Please alert Marie Roller (mr36@cornell.edu) now if this describes your situation.

11. If you do not meet posted eligibility requirements, but believe your individual situation warrants special consideration, you are encouraged to submit an application and provide information about circumstances. We are particularly interested in emergency situations for student-parents, situations where documented income does not reflect current situation, and concern about how the eligibility criteria fits to an individual student-parent situation. The Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant Review Committee carefully reviews all requests.

How Do I Apply for the Grant Program?
Applications are available September 22, 2020. The grant period covers August 2020 - June 2021. The deadline for application is October 30, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Award notification will be made via email by November 20, 2020. Once application is approved, students will receive a credit on their Bursar account. It may take up to 6 weeks to complete the process. If you have questions, please contact Marie Roller at mr36@cornell.edu

- Everyone must complete and submit the application (including the statement of understanding, attached to this form).

- Everyone must submit additional documentation about Family Adjusted Gross Income. Acceptable documentation includes:
  - Completed 2019 tax return, specify if single or joint filing. Will need family AGI documentation.
  - Statement of earnings by employer for 2019
  - If neither are possibilities, student can complete and submit page 1 of the IRS 1040 form, found: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040.pdf

- Submit these documents only if it fits your situation:
  - If applying for age 13 – high school graduation category, submit statement from school confirming current attendance.
  - If child has a disability, please submit documentation from the child’s doctor.

And, then....

Email Marie Roller all documents at mr36@cornell.edu by Friday, October 30, 2020 before 3pm. Late, incomplete, faxed, or campus mailed applications will not be accepted.
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Application deadline: October 30, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Applicant Name: ________________________________ Cornell ID #: __________________________

(Last, First, Middle Initial)

Check one: ☐ International Student ☐ U. S. Citizen/Permanent Resident

Address: __________________________ City: ______________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Phone: __________________________ Cornell University E-mail: __________________________

Student Status: ☐ Undergraduate College - Department: __________________________
☐ Graduate School – Degree/Graduate Field: __________________________
☐ Professional School – Degree/College: __________________________

Do you plan to be engaged in August 2020 - June 2021 as a full-time student in a Cornell University degree program? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, you are not eligible for this grant; you must be a registered student).

Number of children supported in this household: ______________

Name of Child 1: __________________________ Age: __________

Name of Child 2: __________________________ Age: __________

Name of Child 3: __________________________ Age: __________
(If more children, please list out)

Are you a single-parent (defined as a person who has a dependent child(ren) who is widowed, divorced or unmarried)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If married, domestic partner or legally separated, name of co-applicant: __________________________

Does your child have a disability?
☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, child name: __________________________, please submit documentation)

Are you applying for Age 13-High School Graduation category?
☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, child name: __________________________, please submit documentation)

2019 Family Adjusted Gross Income: __________________________, please submit documentation
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Special Considerations: If you do not meet posted eligibility requirements, but believe your individual situation warrants special consideration, you are encouraged to submit an application and provide a statement about circumstances. Please be sure to add information here or submit separately.

Statement of Understanding

Please mark yes or no next to each statement below indicating your understanding and agreement.

I understand that if my household is in a position to apply for both the Student and the Staff/Faculty Child Care Grant, I am required to apply for the Staff/Faculty Child Care Grant. Families can not apply to both programs. ○ Yes  ○ No

I certify that I am requesting the Student-Parent Dependent Care Fund for a child(ren) for whom I am financially responsible. ○ Yes  ○ No

Any monies received via this Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant are considered taxable income and I accept that responsibility. ○ Yes  ○ No

I certify that I will utilize the Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant in a responsible way that enables me to pursue my academic pursuits. ○ Yes  ○ No

I understand that if I received or will receive a student loan during 2020-21 to assist with childcare expenses that this award may impact student loan eligibility. (If questions, contact your financial aid office.) ○ Yes  ○ No

I certify that the statements relating to this application are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any intentional misrepresentation in this application may result in cancellation and require repayment of my Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant award. ○ Yes  ○ No

Student-Parent Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ______________________

Print Name: ________________________________________________ Cornell ID: __________________