Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant
Funding Period January 2021 to 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. Because we prioritize offering the academic year Cornell Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant Program, and have spent most all available funds for this year, there will not be a Summer Care Program for 2021.

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 January 2021 - June 2021:

- Infant/Toddler/Preschool (infant through preschool): maximum of $1,510.00 per child
- School-aged Children (kindergarten up to age 13): maximum of $380.00 per child
- Age 13 through High School Graduation: maximum of $196.00 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 $386.00
- School-aged (kindergarten up to age 13): maximum of $122.00
- Age 13 through High School Graduation: maximum of $60.00

Maximum award amount per household is $6,250.00.
Who is eligible?
Eligibility requirements to be considered for the Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant
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1. Have not received a Cornell University Student-Parent Dependent Care Grant Program in Fall 2020 for 2020-2021. If you have received funding for 2020-2021, you will be eligible for the program again in Fall 2021 for the 2021-2022 academic year.

2. 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 cannot apply to both programs.

3. 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.

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

5. 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.

6. 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>
<th>School-age Award (per child) – Kindergarten up to 12 years old</th>
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7. 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) = $386.00 maximum
   b. School-Aged Children (kindergarten up to age 12) = $122.00 maximum
   c. Age 13 through High School Graduation = $60.00 maximum

8. Maximum award amount per household is $6,250.00
9. There is no requirement that the spouse/partner be engaged in activity outside of the home (i.e. work, student or volunteer).

10. If you received a student loan during 2020-21, this award may impact your student loan eligibility.

11. 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.

12. 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 February 2021. The grant period covers January 2021 - June 2021. The deadline for application is **March 29, 2021 at 3:00 pm**. Award notification will be made via email by **April 23, 2021**. 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](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 March 29, 2021 before 3pm.**

Late, incomplete, faxed, or campus mailed applications will **not** be accepted.
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Application deadline: March 29, 2021 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 January 2021 - 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.

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**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

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Student-Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Print Name: ____________________________________________ Cornell ID: ____________