What is CCAMPIS?

The Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program, authorized by the Higher Education Act and administered by the U.S. Department of Education, supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based childcare services. Joliet Junior College Early Childhood Center has been awarded CCAMPIS funding for the grant period 2018-2021. The CCAMPIS grant was secured through the collaborative efforts of Beverly Cavanaugh, Manager of the Early Childhood Center and the department of Grants Development.

Common Questions

When are applications available/due?

Applications are available from a variety of locations on campus including the Early Childhood Center, Financial Aid, Counseling, Admissions, Project Achieve, Student Services, and during information program held within the community and area high schools. The application process is open during the operational schedule of the Early Childhood Center, Currently that time frame is during the Fall and Spring semesters. Applications will be accepted and considered as long as funding and child care enrollment remains available.

How do I apply for CCAMPIS funding?

You can apply for CCAMPIS funding by picking up at application packet from the Early Childhood Center or any of the other locations mentioned above.

Is there a waiting list for the funds?

Not Currently. Slots are limited. Once all slots are filled there will be a waiting list for CCAMPIS funds. If openings become available during the semester, eligible applicants will be notified by mail based on the date they were waitlisted.

What are my responsibilities as a CCAMPIS recipient?

- Maintain 6 credit hours throughout the eligibility period.
- Demonstrate academic progress in accordance to Financial Aid guidelines
- Declared a Major
- Enroll your preschool aged child in the JJC Early Childhood Center preschool program
- Attended one mandatory Parent Orientation for CCAMPIS grant.
- Complete the Household Income Eligibility form attached to application
- Complete application process for Child Care Assistance Program through CCR&R

- Complete and return all surveys conducted by the Early Childhood Center including demographic survey, volunteer form, six week satisfaction survey and exit survey.
- Return Parent Involvement Verification Form by the end of each quarter which verifies that you have:
 - Volunteered for at least 5 hours throughout the semester in the ECC
 - Attend at least one parent education / family involvement program
 - o Participate in the Early Childhood Center conferences with your child's teacher

How much financial assistance will I receive if I qualify?

These subsidies operate on a sliding fee scale. The subsidy you receive is determined by a combination of family income and family size. Once your completed application has been submitted and processed, you will be notified as to the amount of your award. Under no circumstances will the CCAMPIS funding be more than the actual cost. You can expect approximately 65% of the child care tuition cost to be subsidized through CCAMPIS.

When can I start receiving subsidy?

If you are determined to be eligible for CCAMPIS funding and a completed and approved application is received you may start receiving subsidy funding beginning on your child's first day of attendance in the JJC Early Childhood Center preschool program.

Will CCAMPIS funding have any impact on my eligibility for financial aid?

No. If you are eligible for CCAMPIS funding, this will have absolutely no impact on your financial aid award.

If eligible for funding, how many hours of child care will I qualify for?

You will qualify for the total amount of hours your child is enrolled up to fulltime/full-week status provided the child meets all the qualifications of the Early Childhood Center program at the time of CCAMPIS application.

When will I know if I am going to receive CCAMPIS funding?

You will know if you qualify no later than one week after the start of the semester in which you have applied.

How long is my application good for?

Your application is good for ONE academic semester. You must re-apply for each new semester and resubmit a current class schedule to verify eligibility.

What will happen if I do not meet these requirements?

If you do not fulfill these requirements you will not be eligible to apply for CCAMPIS funding in the future. You may also be expected to repay any funding already awarded to you.