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**Cost of Living Adjustment Childcare Tuition Scholarship**

According to a 2008 study conducted by Michael Coburn, Socioeconomic Analyst for the Sublette Community Partnership, “On average, it costs about 19% more to live in Sublette County than the rest of Wyoming, a cost of living second only to Teton County....Housing rentals and sales are 32% more expensive than the Wyoming Average....Housing costs in Wyoming are 6.5% more than the rest of the United States.” This study also found that the state of Wyoming ranked as the 23<sup>rd</sup> most expensive state in the union, in which to live. The average cost of full-time childcare tuition in Sublette County for one child is \$600.00 per month. In response to these cost of living challenges, The Sublette County Childcare Coalition (SCCC) is pleased to announce that we have received \$7,200.00 in grant funding from the Wyoming Community Foundation to establish the “Cost of Living Adjustment Childcare Scholarship” project. The primary purpose of this project is to assist two qualifying Sublette County *full-time working* families to attain quality childcare (with licensed providers only) for their children. Many Sublette County families find themselves in the trap of making a wage that is too high to qualify for Wyoming Department of Family Services (WDFS) childcare tuition assistance, but not reasonably high enough to offset the cost of living in Sublette County. The SCCC hopes to help working families who do not qualify for Wyoming Department of Family Services childcare tuition assistance (based on WDFS income guidelines and number of children), but who earn a wage that is less than 19% above the state of Wyoming’s qualifying wage scale for childcare tuition assistance. Because the SCCC’s mission is to promote and support *quality* and affordable childcare to all children of Sublette County, we are also requiring that any assistance will be paid directly to *licensed providers only*, in the amount of \$300.00 per month for those families who qualify and are selected by the SCCC Board of Directors, beginning in July

of 2009, for a possible total of \$3,600.00 per family. As a result of this Cost of Living Adjustment Scholarship (COLAS) project, we aspire to address and alleviate the financial burden of providing quality, affordable childcare for at least one Sublette County family.

Thank you for your dedication to your child/ren's education and care. Please note that all candidates applying for the SCCC COLAS project will need to complete the following process/application.



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**Cost of Living Adjustment Childcare Tuition Scholarship Application**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: (Must be in Sublette  
County): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Childcare Center/Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Childcare Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Is this a licensed provider in Sublette  
County: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of children in your home requiring  
childcare: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly cost of childcare per child: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly income (see guidelines below): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of full-time Employer in Sublette  
County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Any funds will be awarded only to licensed childcare facilities or providers in Sublette County. Your family may apply for this COLAS award regardless of the status of your *current* provider, however, please note that the SCCC will only award funds to licensed providers in Sublette County, since one of the primary objectives of this grant is to assist Sublette County families to access higher quality child care.

## Applicant Statement

I meet the eligibility requirements stated in this application. I understand that prior to receiving a(n) Sublette County Childcare Coalition Cost of Living Adjustment Scholarship for Childcare Tuition award, I will be required to submit a completed application including proof of *all* household income (including all sources of income listed below); verification of full-time employment in Sublette County; and proof of enrollment and monthly tuition hours and fees in a licensed childcare facility in Sublette County. I understand that I must submit to the SCCC proof of denial of childcare assistance from the Wyoming Department of Family Services in Sublette County. I understand that if my family receives this award, I must report to the SCCC quarterly (every 3 months), and that I must also report to the SCCC any and all changes in income that affect my family's eligibility for this award. I understand that I will be contacted by the SCCC only if my family is selected to receive this COLAS award by the SCCC's Executive Assistant. I understand that all funds will be paid directly to the childcare provider on a quarterly basis. I understand that the SCCC COLAS is one-time award for a period of twelve months, or until it may be determined that my family is no longer eligible for this award. I will also provide the SCCC with updates to my contact information or my childcare provider's information in writing to the SCCC. I understand that if my family does receive an award, I will complete an intake survey and an exit survey with the SCCC in an effort to evaluate the program's benefit to my family.

Signature of  
applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of  
application: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING TO THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OF THE SUBLETTE COUNTY CHILDCARE COALITION WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION:

- SUBMIT PAID RECEIPTS FOR THE COST OF CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS
- SUBMIT PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS. THIS COULD INCLUDE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR DRIVER'S LICENSE, OR A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- SUBMIT PROOF OF YOUR LAST TWO MONTH'S INCOME STATEMENTS (PAY STUBS) AND THE INCOME YOU'VE HAD SO FAR THIS MONTH. IF YOU RECEIVE ALIMONY, CHILD SUPPORT, STUDENT AID, RAILROAD BENEFITS OR MONEY FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, WE NEED PROOF OF THAT INCOME TOO. INTEREST PAYMENTS ARE ALSO CONSIDERED INCOME. IF YOU ARE EXPECTING INCOME OR A CHANGE IN INCOME, YOU WILL NEED A LETTER FROM YOUR EMPLOYER STATING WHAT INCOME IS EXPECTED, HOW MANY HOURS YOU WILL WORK. PLEASE REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE WORKING FULL TIME IN SUBLETTE COUNTY TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD
- SUBMIT YOUR LATEST RECEIPT OR BILL FOR YOUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE OR RENTAL PAYMENT
- SUBMIT PROOF OF YOUR ASSETS. ASSETS ARE ITEMS LIKE CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, VEHICLES, LAND, STOCKS, BONDS, RETIREMENTS ACCOUNTS, LIVESTOCK, TOOLS, ETC. PROOF IS A BANK STATEMENT, VEHICLE REGISTRATION, TITLE, ETC.
- SUBMIT PROOF OF DENIAL OF BENEFITS FROM WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES AND A COMPLETED APPLICATION (ABOVE)
- SUBMIT PROOF OF ENROLLMENT IN A LICENSED CHILDCARE PROGRAM/FACILITY

Please be sure that the information you provide us is correct. If you provide wrong or untrue information about yourself or other household members, you may have to repay the award to the SCCC.

Your completed application will be reviewed by the SCCC Board of Directors during the month of June 2009. **All applications are due by June 15, 2009.** For further questions contact Christy Kirk, Executive Assistant of the Sublette County Childcare Coalition at [child\\_advocates\\_inc@live.com](mailto:child_advocates_inc@live.com) or 307-749-6262. To learn more about the SCCC, please view our website at [www.sublettechildcare.org](http://www.sublettechildcare.org).

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	185% FPL (per DFS guidelines) plus 19% SC COLA Qualifying Monthly income pay range	
2	No more than \$2,083.69-\$2,569.21 per month	
3	No more than \$2,619.19-\$3,229.66 per month	
4	No more than \$3,154.69-\$3,890.11 per month	
5	No more than \$3,690.19-\$4,550.56 per month	
6	No more than \$4,225.69-\$5,211.01 per month	
7	No more than \$4,761.19-\$5,871.46 per month	
8	No more than \$5,296.69-\$6,531.91 per month	