

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **371-2023**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

From: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

Date: August 23, 2023

Subject: **City of Miami Beach Information Sessions for Prekindergarten Scholarship Program Interested Families 2024-2025**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to update you on the status of the City of Miami Beach's Prekindergarten (PreK) Scholarship Program for Miami Beach residents for the 2024-25 school year and feedback from families this past school year. The Prekindergarten Scholarship Program expands hourly access to high-quality PreK providers for 158 families with a scholarship of up to \$3,000.

As the application for eligible and interested families for the 2024-2025 school year will open on September 11, 2023, family informational sessions will be held via Zoom on the following dates and times (Attachment A):

September 11, 2023 at 11AM(English) and 12PM (Espanol)

September 12, 2023 at 6 PM(English) and 7 PM (Espanol)

September 14, 2023 at 12 PM(English) and 1 PM (Espanol)

September 18, 2023 at 6 PM(English) and 7 PM (Espanol)

Zoom Webinar link: <https://tinyurl.com/5xazj5vw>

Meeting ID: 574 796 9101 Passcode: 2oyB5P

Or by telephone (929) 205-6099 Passcode: 401682

Family applications may be submitted on the City's website beginning **Monday, September 11, 2023** at www.miamibeachfl.gov/prek, which provides an overview of the program and eligibility criteria. The deadline for family application submission is November 28, 2023. A computerized lottery process will be held on December 1, 2023 which will establish a numerical order of service until all funds are exhausted. Results from the lottery will be posted on the City's website including name, confirmation number, and lottery number. Staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives will contact family applicants in order of selection to determine eligibility.

At the culmination of the 2022-2023 academic school year, the City of Miami Beach families who had received a PreK scholarship were surveyed to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The findings revealed:

- 100% of scholarship recipient families indicated they are very satisfied with the application process for the PreK Scholarship Program
- 100% of scholarship recipient families indicated they strongly agreed or agreed that the City of Miami Beach Education team communicated their child's application status in a timely manner
- 96% of scholarship recipients strongly agreed or agreed that the PreK website is easy to navigate to find information regarding the application, eligibility, and requirements
- 100% of scholarship recipient families strongly agreed or agreed that the results of the PreK

Scholarship program lottery were accessible and clearly communicated on the City's PreK website and via email

- 96% of scholarship recipient families strongly agreed or agreed that the monthly invoicing to providers was easy to review and approve in DocuSign

Families provided the following additional comments:

- What a great program for CMB residents. I want to thank you for this scholarship award for our son to attend PreK at South Pointe Elementary. The program is a valuable tool to prepare our children for scholarly success
- Thankful for having this opportunity
- Estoy muy satisfecha la verdad fue de mucha ayuda para mi, muy agradecida con esto. (I am very satisfied, the truth was very helpful to me, I am very grateful for this)
- Seamless process, thank you for the help
- Thank you for a great program and resource for CMB residents. We greatly appreciate it and our son benefited immensely from this program

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer.

Attachment:

Miami Beach Prekindergarten Scholarship Program Information Sessions for Families (Attachment A)

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Attachment A

City of Miami Beach Prekindergarten Scholarship Program: Information Sessions for Families

Programa Prekindergarten de la Ciudad de Miami Beach : Sesiones Informativas para las Familias

The City of Miami Beach has approved a
Prekindergarten Scholarship Program for the
2024 - 25 school year that will provide eligible
**Miami Beach families with a Pre-K
scholarship of up to \$3,000.**

*La ciudad de Miami Beach ha aprobado un
programa de becas para Prekindergarten para
el año escolar 2024-25 que otorgará a las
familias elegibles de Miami Beach una
beca de PreK de hasta \$3,000.*



MIAMIBEACH PREK Program

Application deadline:
November 28, 2023
Fecha límite para someter la solicitud.

Family application:
www.miamibeachfl.gov/prek
Formulario de solicitud para las familias.

*Miami Beach residents only
(33139, 33140, and 33141)
*Solo para residentes de Miami Beach.

MIAMIBEACH www.miamibeachfl.gov

**Eligible PreK families are invited to partake in one
of the following sessions***

Monday, September 11 2023 • 11AM • 12PM *(Español)*
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 • 6PM • 7PM *(Español)*
Thursday, September 14, 2023 • 12PM • 1PM *(Español)*
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*Invitamos a las familias que califiquen a participar en una de las
sesiones informativas*.*

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