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General FAQs

What is the School Age Child Care (SACC) Grant?

The School-Age Child Care Project Fund supports a school age child care program which offers care to children between the ages of five (5) to fifteen (15) to include:

- before and/or after school care offered during the regular school year or during the summer, if summer school is offered
- periods when school is not in session excluding summer break

- care for children before and/or after school that attend kindergarten - either full or half day kindergarten

How can I learn more information about the SACC grant application?

The following supports are available to learn more about the SACC grant:

1. Visit [Indiana State Budget Agency - Grant Opportunities](#) and look for the School-Age Child Care grant. Click on the link to apply for funding, and review the [SACC Policies and Procedures Manual](#)
2. Review SPARK's SACC Grant Live Resource available on My SPARK Learning Lab entitled "Live Resource: What You Need to Know about the Upcoming School-Age Child Care Grant (SACC) Applications"
3. Schedule a one-on-one support session with our support staff by visiting <https://indianaspark.com/sacc-grant-support/>

How do I get support for the SACC grant application?

Schedule time to speak one-on-one and receive SACC Grant support from our SPARK Support Staff:

1. Visit our website at www.indianaspark.com.
2. Once you arrive on our website, click on "**SPARK Supports**" and select "**SACC Grant**". You can then schedule a time for a one-on-one consultation with our support staff.
3. Click on "**Schedule Your Support Session Here**".
4. Select a date and time that works best for you and then select "**Confirm**".
5. Enter your name and email address and your preferred meeting method: video or phone call
6. Select "**Schedule Event**".

If you need further assistance, email schoolage@indianaspark.com

How do I access the SACC grant application?

Click the link below for a visual demonstration of how to access the SACC grant portal through the Indiana State Budget Agency:

[How to access the SACC grant application](#)

The SACC application will be available via [Indiana State Budget Agency](#).



1. Click on “Grants Management”
2. Click on “State Grant Opportunities”
3. Click on “Grant Opportunities”
4. Navigate down to “FSSA”
5. Click on “School Age Child Care (SACC) Project Fund FY26”

Please note, this grant opportunity will **NOT** be available through I-LEAD or the Opportunities Portal on I-LEAD. You will need to follow the steps listed to access the application at its new location.

Eligibility FAQs

What programs are eligible to receive the SACC grant funding?

Eligibility guidelines are as follows:

The SACC grant is open to programs that offer care to children between the ages of five (5) to fifteen (15) and that are licensed or regulated by the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL). A program that has a 501(c)(3) status isn't automatically eligible unless they are licensed or regulated by OECOSL. This would mean that someone from OECOSL comes out to make routine visits due to the licensing or regulation.

The SACC grant is open to programs that offer care to children between the ages of five (5) to fifteen (15) and offer care as follows:

- before and/or after school care
- periods when school is not in session excluding summer break
- care for children that attend kindergarten – either full or half day kindergarten

Programs must be in compliance with applicable state and local licensing laws and regulations, not be on probationary license or certificate of non-compliance at the time of submission, and must be in good standing with the Secretary of the State, the Indiana Department of Revenue, and Indiana Workforce Development.

In order to be eligible for this grant, you must:

1. Your program must be a public school corporation established by Indiana Law or a non-profit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. Your School-Aged Before and After School program, ***not just your preschool program***, must be active, OECOSL licensed or regulated, and compliant with any required IDOE regulations.
3. Your program must be in good standing, which means you are not in a repayment status and do not have a negative action against your license.
4. Your program must have provided before and after school services for ***at least*** one (1) year before the date of application for this grant.

If you do not meet this criteria, unfortunately, you will not be eligible to participate in this grant opportunity.

What does it mean to be a program in “good standing”?

To be considered in good standing for the purposes of this grant, a program must be compliant with current regulations and may not be in an active repayment process or the subject of an active investigation or enforcement action by OECOSL.