

G W Y O D B F
CHEROKEE NATION®
Early Childhood Unit

ELIGIBILITY ENROLLMENT CRITERIA LIST 2024 - 2025
Priority List as approved by the Policy Council – PC 7/2/24
Based on age as of September First (1st)

HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES

2024 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Effective 1/23/24.

Person in Family unit	Poverty Guideline
1	\$15,060
2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
7	\$47,340
8	\$52,720

FOR MORE THAN 8 PERSONS ADD \$5,380 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON.

AGE OF CHILD

A – 4 years old	+ 10pts
B – 3 year old	+ 8pts
C – 2 year old	+ 6pts
D – 1 year old	+ 4pts
I – Infant	+ 2pts

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

All applications (including Public Schools) will be screened and entered into ChildPlus upon receipt by the Main Office. Eligibility will be determined using the eligibility points which have been pre-entered into ChildPlus. Categorically eligible (*) families will have points automatically applied based on guidelines & information from the application. Any other applicable guidelines listed under Eligibility Criteria will be applied manually. Points for Tribal Citizenship will be applied to those applicants presenting a Tribal Citizenship Card for the child or parent from the Cherokee Nation or any Federally Recognized Tribe. Final Eligibility approval will be made by the designated Enrollment Specialist or their back up. ChildPlus will prioritize applications for enrollment based on the number of points & date received.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CP Points

1. Homeless*	+ 20pts
2. Foster*	+ 20pts
3. Public Assistance –TANF, SNAP, or SSI*	+ 20pts
4. Returning Head Start/Early Head Start Students	+ 20pts
5. Tribal Citizen Transition EHS Students	+ 20pts
6. Tribal Citizen w/ Disabilities	+ 15pts
7. Cherokee Nation Employee, Tribal Citizen	+ 20pts
8. Tribal Citizen	+ 15pts
9. Non-Tribal Citizen	+ 5pts
10. Non-Tribal w/ Disabilities	+ 10pts
11. Non-Tribal Transition EHS Students	+ 12pts
12. Teen Parent (high school student)	+ 20 pts
13. Teen Parent	+ 10pts
14. Single Parent	+ 5pts

**Categorically eligible with documentation. Points are automatically applied by ChildPlus.*

Early Head Start students are in the program for 3 years, however Transition FROM Early Head Start to Head Start requires a new application