



PRESCHOOL GRANT PROGRAMME

A Universal Pre-Primary
Education initiative



OVERVIEW

The Government of the Bahamas has recently allocated funds for the Universal Pre-Primary Education Initiative. This initiative is in collaboration with The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance, the Pre-School and Day-Care Centre Council, and the Access Accelerator (A²).

The Universal Pre-Primary Education initiative seeks to ensure that all Bahamian children can receive early education, which will prepare them for further education and training.

To this end, the government has allocated **\$1 million** to the Access Accelerator to assist preschool entrepreneurs in facilitating early childhood development. The maximum grant funding will be **\$25,000.00** per school.

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PROGRAMME GOALS

**INCREASE
ACCESS TO
EARLY
CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION**

**INCREASE
QUALITY OF
EARLY
EDUCATION
PROGRAMMES**

**TO EXPAND
EARLY
EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES**

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible Preschools (Start-Up or Existing) must apply through the Access Accelerator
- Schools must be Bahamian owned (or 51% Bahamian owned)
- Must have a valid business license and be currently licensed with the Preschool & Day Care Centre Council (or in the process of receiving a license)
- Have not been awarded any prior funding through any Access Accelerator programmes

If approved, entrepreneurs are ineligible for any other standalone grant funding. Entrepreneurs must agree to provide economic impact data to A² for (3) three years after funding.

THE PROCESS



STEP 1

Visit our website at: accessaccelerator.org to complete the Preschool Grant Programme application form and upload the required documents.

STEP 2

After submission, applicant must attend a mandatory (2) two-hour Early Education Entrepreneurship Seminar before the application deadline at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th or forfeit one's submission.

STEP 3

Applications will be reviewed once the application deadline expires on Friday, October 30th, 2020.

STEP 4

The Approval Committee will meet to adjudicate on the applicants. All applicants will be contacted to confirm their application status and submitted documents.

STEP 5

Disbursements will be made directly to vendors. The approval and disbursement period will take up to (2) two weeks.

STEP 6

The applicant must provide A² with relevant receipts and photos of items purchased or services rendered.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Required Application Documents (A²)

- Executive Summary or Business Plan
- Proof of citizenship
(Passport or Voter's Card)
- Business License
- Use of Funds
(Invoices & Payment instructions)
- Proof of Registration with the
Preschool and Day-Care Council

Required Disbursement Documents (A²)

- Entrepreneurship Seminar Certificate
(Early Education Focus)
- Invoices/Quotes
- Wire Instructions