



FY 2026 CCAMPIS Grant Competition

Due 5/29/2026

Key Grant Information



Program Overview: The Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS) Program provides funding to support campus-based child care services for low-income student parents enrolled in postsecondary education.

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education / Administration for Children and Families

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education that were awarded at least **\$250,000 in Pell Grant funds during FY 2025.**

Estimated Funding Available: \$73.5 million

Award Range: \$150,000–\$1,000,000 annually

Average Award: \$500,000/year

Project Period: 4 years (48 months)

How Heartland Can Help:

- *Just want to talk about your project? Email andrea@heartlandgrantsolutions.org with grant narrative or RFP questions. Its free!*
- *Need help writing your grant? Contact us for fee-based services.*
- *Need an evaluator? We can help with grant evaluation. [Check out our evaluation services.](#)*
- *Need to talk about budgeting and Head Start program partnerships? Reach Out to us at andrea@heartlandgrantsolutions.org.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Response
Who does this grant serve?	<i>Undergraduate students who receive a PELL Grant or who are PELL grant eligible</i>
Do students have to pay a co-pay	<i>Maybe, depending on the Estimated Family Income</i>
If you have an early childhood center on campus, can you apply for the grant?	<i>Yes. An IHE with an existing child care program, as well as an IHE that wishes to establish a child care program, is eligible to apply for a CCAMPIS Program grant provided it meets the other eligibility criteria.</i>
Is the primary purpose of the CCAMPIS Program to provide funds for scholarships to subsidize students' child care fees? Or, is the primary purpose to support the program to provide better services to the students and their children?	<i>The purpose of the CCAMPIS Program is to support the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care services. You may do so either by providing low-cost child care or by expanding the types of child care services offered.</i>
How do you suggest we address the evaluation selection criterion, particularly the use of an external evaluator?	<i>You should develop a very thorough evaluation plan based on the goals and objectives that you propose. After reviewing your proposed budget, determine the funds available to conduct an evaluation. You may find that local and state child care service professionals are available to conduct the evaluation at a modest fee. Heartland is an evaluator that can fill this role!</i>

<p>Can we provide services offsite?</p>	<p><i>Some IHEs have used CCAMPIS Program grant funds to establish child care services; other IHEs had existing facilities when they applied for the grant; and other IHEs used grant funds to contract with independent, off-campus child care facilities.</i></p>
<p>Our child care facility is located on campus property, but the facility is leased to an independent organization that has its own employees and provides all services. Our students receive a discount, but the facility does not give priority to or reserve spaces for our students' children. Is our IHE eligible for a CCAMPIS Program grant?</p>	<p><i>Yes. Your IHE is eligible for a CCAMPIS Program grant, and you may use CCAMPIS Program funds to contract with the child care facility for services for your low-income students, provided the IHE has oversight authority of the facility. The facility does not have to reserve spaces for the students' children, but doing so would strengthen the application.</i></p>
<p>Are playground construction and maintenance allowed?</p>	<p><i>Construction is not allowed. Only minor repairs and renovations required to meet applicable state, local or health safety requirements are allowed.</i></p>