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**DESCRIPTION OF ELIGIBILITY CLASSIFICATIONS FOR**  
**DC'S CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

The descriptions provided herein were internally developed by the Office of the State Superintendent, Division of Early Learning to categorize those families who are eligible for benefits under the District's child care subsidy program.<sup>1</sup>

1. **Court Non-TANF:** An applicant who has legal custody of a child through the court system but whose situation does not fall into any other category, and who does not receive TANF benefits.<sup>2</sup>
2. **Court TANF:** An applicant who has legal custody of a child through the court system, who receives TANF benefits, and whose situation does not fall into any other category.
3. **Adult with Disability Non-TANF:** An applicant is an adult with a disability for whom child care is sought. The adult's disability may be either physical or mental in nature, and who does not receive TANF benefits.
4. **Adult with Disability TANF:** An applicant is an adult with a disability for whom child care is sought. The adult's disability may be either physical or mental in nature, and who receives TANF benefits.
5. **Child with Disability Non-TANF:** An applicant includes a parent/guardian with a child (or children) who has a disability or special health care need and who is under nineteen (19) years of age, and who does not receive TANF benefits.
6. **Child with Disability TANF:** An applicant includes a parent/guardian with a child (or children) who has a disability or special health care need and who is under nineteen (19) years of age, and who receives TANF benefits.
7. **Employed (Working Parent):** An applicant is a working parent/guardian who is gainfully employed or in a valid qualifying activity for a minimum of 20 hours per week.
8. **Food Stamp Non-TANF:** An applicant is employed and receives Food Stamps, but is not receiving TANF benefits.
9. **Foster Care:** An applicant who represents a child (or children) who is a ward of DC, and who is working a minimum of 20 hours per week, enrolled in a job training or education program, or currently receiving verifiable income.
10. **Higher Education Non-TANF:** An applicant who is a full-time student in an undergraduate program (such as a BA/BS degree program) with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester or six hours for a summer session, and who does not receive TANF benefits. An applicant may also combine undergraduate study with employment, with each credit hour equivalent to one hour of work per week, if they work and study a minimum of 20 hours a week.
11. **Higher Education TANF:** An applicant who is a full-time student in an undergraduate program (such as a BA/BS degree program) with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester or six hours for a

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<sup>1</sup> The descriptions provided herein are for informational purposes only and shall not be construed to supersede any Federal and local law or regulation.

<sup>2</sup> "TANF" means the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program as provided in D.C. Code § 4-202.01.





