



Eligibility for Free PreK in Texas

To be eligible for enrollment in a free prekindergarten class, a child must be four years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year and meet at least one of the following eligibility requirements:

- unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- is educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the national school lunch program... guidelines about NSLP eligibility can be found in sections 4 and 6 of the Texas Department of Agriculture's [Administrators Reference Manual](#))
- is homeless, as defined by [42 USC, §11434a](#), regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority
- is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty
- is or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing held as provided by [Family Code §262.201](#) or has been in foster care in another state or territory, but currently lives in Texas
- is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as:
 - a peace officer under [Texas Government Code §3106.002](#)
 - a firefighter under [Texas Government Code §3106.003](#)
 - an emergency medical first responder under [Texas Government Code §3106.004](#)