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**GUAM HEAD START PROGRAM**  
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**Application Information**  
**For School Year 2021 – 2022**

**What is the Guam Head Start Program?**

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program that provides education, health, nutrition and social services to children and their families that support SCHOOL READINESS and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT.

**Who should apply?**

- Families that meet the Federal Income Guidelines and have a child who is age-eligible:
  - 5 years old (born August 1 to December 31, 2016)
  - 4 years old (born January 1 to December 31, 2017)
  - 3 years old (born January 1 to July 31, 2018)
- Families who receive TANF or SSI and have an age-eligible child
- Families who are homeless and have an age-eligible child
- Age-eligible child in foster care
- Families with an age-eligible child with a current IEP from GDOE Special Education

2021 Federal Income Guidelines	
Family of 1 .....\$12,880	Family of 6 .....\$35,580
Family of 2 .....\$17,420	Family of 7 .....\$40,120
Family of 3 .....\$21,960	Family of 8 .....\$44,660
Family of 4 .....\$26,500	For families with more than 8 persons,
Family of 5 .....\$31,040	add \$4,540 for each additional person

**Stimulus Payments and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance  
DO NOT COUNT as income for determining Head Start eligibility.**

**Who can register a child? (Child is not required to be present)**

- Household Parents
- Household Legal Guardians appointed through the court must register the child

**How can I register my child for Head Start?**

1. Call 475-0484 to schedule an appointment to register your child.
  - Go to <https://guamheadstart.gdoe.net> for additional information.
    - The Head Start Application Packet may be downloaded for your convenience.
2. Head Start staff will review your documents and contact you to determine your child's eligibility and complete the registration process. Please update any changes in your home, mailing or contact information to ensure that we are able to contact you.
  - Visitors are reminded that they are required to wear a mask and follow posted safety requirements while present in GDOE facilities. Individuals who are ill or who have COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and will not be permitted into GDOE campuses or facilities.

Outside of the mass registration period, registration is conducted throughout the school year by appointment only. Registered children are placed on their center’s waiting list until space becomes available.

**Documents Required to Determine Eligibility:**

**(Note: Other documents may be required depending on your household situation.)**

- ✓ Identification for Parents and/or Guardians in Household (valid driver’s license, Guam ID, Passport)
- ✓ Child’s Birth Certificate
- ✓ Child’s Immunization Card (shot record)
- ✓ Child’s Social Security Number (Social Security card or receipt of application for a number)
- ✓ Income documents for all household parents and guardians for the last 12 months:
  - Earned Income: 2020 W2 or Income Tax forms; check stubs from 2020-2021
  - Unearned Income: TANF Certification from Public Health, Child Support, Financial Aid, Social Security benefits, GHURA Utility Reimbursements, LES for military (monthly)
  - If no source of income, Statement of Support
- ✓ Unemployed Status:
  - Letter of termination/resignation and the date and reason for leaving employment; Certification layoff or reduction of hours
  - If unemployed for a total of 6 months or more, Unemployment Verification
  - Stimulus Payments and/or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- ✓ If applicable, Legal documents relating to guardianship, child custody or name changes such as Restraining Order; Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree when parent’s name is different from child’s birth certificate or Identification Cards
- ✓ If child has a certified disability, copy of current IEP documents from GDOE Special Education

### Health Requirements:

- If your child qualifies, you will be provided with a Head Start Health Packet to complete BEFORE your child can attend school.
- In order to attend Head Start, your child needs to complete the following minimum health requirements:
  - Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Test - The results of a TB skin test must have been done WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR of enrollment in the classroom. If you recently moved to Guam, the TB skin test must have been done within six (6) months. *Note that the TB test must be done BEFORE your child is given any additional live vaccines (MMR and Varicella).*
  - Minimum Immunizations to attend school include at least One (1) dose of DPT, Polio, MMR, and Varicella; Four (4) doses of Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) OR one (1) dose after 15 months of age; and Hepatitis B vaccine
  - Physical Examination or an Appointment Card for a Physical Examination - The Physical Examination must have been done WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR of enrollment, meet EPSDT recommendations, and include a vision and hearing screening.
- In order to remain in Head Start, your child will need to complete additional health requirements which are specified in the Head Start Health Packet.

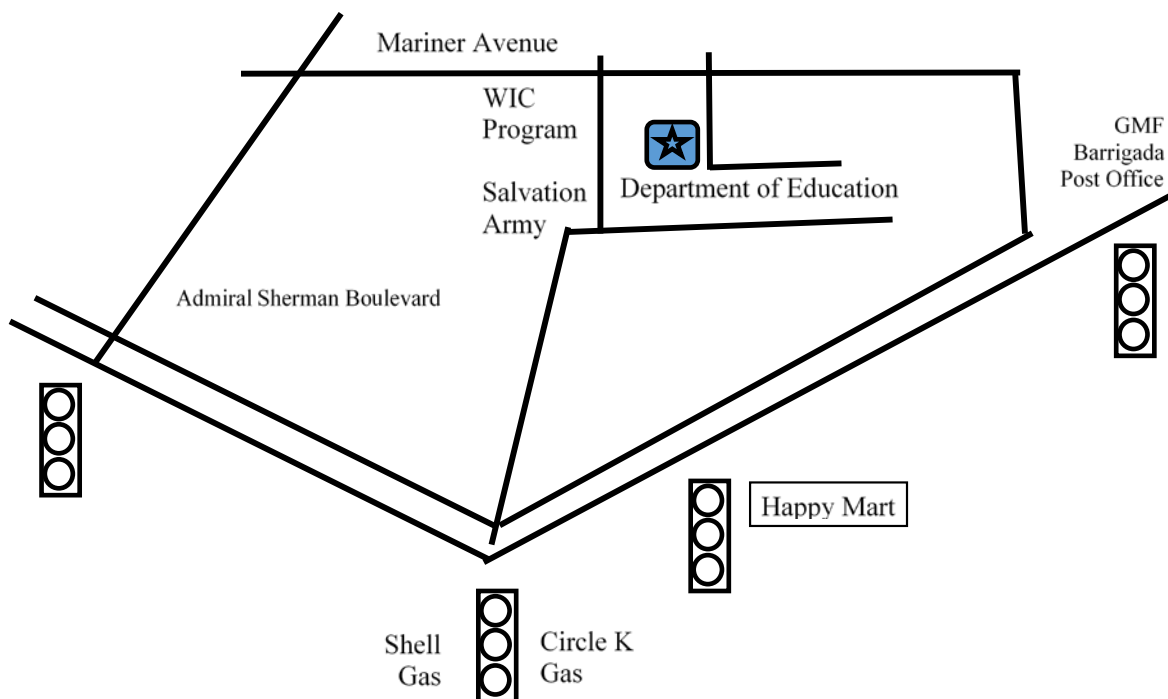
### What happens next?

- The Program selects 534 children to enroll in the Program each school year and will notify you by mail whether your child is on a Waiting List or selected for Enrollment. Registered children are placed on their center's waiting list until space becomes available.
- Please update any changes in your home, mailing or contact information to ensure that you are notified promptly and that your child is placed in the correct school district.
- **IF YOUR CHILD IS SELECTED**, we will contact you to ensure your child will be attending Head Start and that health requirements are met. If we are unable to contact you or your child does not attend school, then your child will be transferred to a **WAITING LIST**.

## SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Head Start has 27 centers with a funded enrollment of 534 children. Centers are located in nearly all of the public elementary schools on island. While registration is ongoing throughout the school year, we encourage you to come and find out if you are eligible. There are a limited number of slots per center.

Children will be placed according to school districts with an available Head Start center as determined by Head Start. Special requests for out-of-district placement will be considered based on any of the following: Special Education placement, needs of foster parents, after school care for parents who are working or going to school. Head Start does NOT require school supplies or the use of school uniforms.



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Contact the Head Start Central Office for inquiries or special accommodations.