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Vestal School District accepting applications for 2019-20 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

Vestal Central School District is pleased to continue its Universal Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2019-20 school year, contingent upon the receipt of grant funding from New York State. Applications are being accepted for eligible children who will turn four years old by December 1, 2019. Eligible children must be Vestal Central School District residents and two proofs of residency will be required; this half-day pre-kindergarten program is free to eligible children, but please be aware that transportation is not provided.

Letters with Vestal's Universal Pre-Kindergarten program application are being mailed to families with eligible children as of the 2018 census by January 5, 2019. Applications are also available on the district's Universal Pre-K web page at www.vestal.stier.org/universalpre-k_home.aspx, or you can request an application packet be mailed to you by calling 607-757-2291 or emailing srmurphy@vestal.k12.ny.us.

Sites for the 2019-20 Universal Pre-Kindergarten program are still being determined. Applicants will be notified of site options. The number of seats available in the program is determined by funding from New York State. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the program openings, a lottery will be held in April 2019.

New York State includes funding for UPK programs to "provide four-year-old children with a universal opportunity to access high quality pre-kindergarten programs that prepare them for future success by developing strong foundational skills in literacy and numeracy."

Please note, any child living in temporary housing in the Vestal Central School District who will be four years old by December 1, 2019, will be given a seat in this program.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact the Vestal Central School District at 607-757-2291, or email the UPK Coordinator at djainslie@vestal.k12.ny.us