1. What is the Triton Childcare Fund?
The Triton Childcare Fund is a part of the Triton Student Parent Success initiative at UMSL. The Triton Childcare Fund is funded through a federal grant called Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS). The goal of the CCAMPIS program is to assist with childcare expenses so that student parents may remain enrolled and persist toward earning their degree. For more information about resources available to you as a student parent please visit www.umsl.edu/studentsocialservices/studentparents.

2. How do I determine if I am eligible for the Triton Childcare Fund?
To be eligible for a childcare subsidy through the Triton Childcare Fund, applicants must be:
- Enrolled undergraduate UMSL students
- Pell Grant recipients or Pell Grant eligible
- A parent or legal guardian of a child between the ages of six weeks up to twelve years

3. How do I apply?
Click here to learn more about the program and to apply! After applying for the Triton Childcare Fund you must apply for the The State of Missouri/Illinois Child Care Subsidy Program. In order to receive a childcare subsidy through the Triton Childcare Fund, it is required that you apply for the Missouri Child Care Subsidy Program (https://apps.dss.mo.gov/fmwBenefitCenter/Account/SignInInfo.aspx). Illinois residents, please apply for Illinois Childcare Subsidy. After you submit this application you will need to submit a copy of the approval or denial letter.

4. Are any other documents needed for the application?
Yes, please complete the Triton Childcare Fund application, then provide us with the following:
- Proof of Pell Grant eligibility. This can be found in student financials or the award letter notification from the Office of Student Financial Aid.
- Your UMSL class schedule.
- A current tax return summary including information about income and dependents.
- The State of Missouri/Illinois Child Care Subsidy Program application decision letter.

5. Where can I use the Triton Childcare Fund subsidy?
The Triton Childcare Fund subsidy can be used to defray the costs of childcare at the on-campus University Child Development Center or at another licensed and accredited childcare facility. Childcare at facilities other than the UCDC must be requested, approved, and willing to accept the Triton Childcare Fund subsidy. Request forms can be found below the Triton Childcare Fund application here.

6. Can I use the Triton Childcare Fund subsidy at the childcare facility that my child is currently enrolled?
If the center which your child is currently enrolled is licensed and accredited, you may submit a request form with your current facility's information. Please submit the Triton Childcare Fund application prior to submitting the request form. Request forms do not guarantee approval.
7. How does a center become “approved” for use of the Triton Childcare Fund subsidy?
Childcare centers MUST be licensed and accredited. The student must contact the prospective center first to obtain information regarding rates, availability, and to initiate the conversation about using their Triton Childcare Fund subsidy at the center. Then, the student must apply for the Triton Childcare Fund and submit a childcare provider request form. Request forms do not guarantee approval. Approval is based on the center’s licensure, accreditation, and willingness to participate.

8. How does the Triton Childcare Fund application process work?
After an application is submitted with all of the necessary documents, you have applied to the Missouri or Illinois Child Care Subsidy Program, and you have forwarded a copy of the decision letter to the Program Coordinator, the application and documents will be reviewed by a committee. Once a decision is made, you will be notified by the Program Coordinator.

9. What is funding based on/ how much subsidy will I receive?
All of the following factors are used to determine subsidy amount: eligibility requirements, financial need, number of enrolled credit hours, internship or practicum hours, and work hours may also be considered. In order to determine your Triton Childcare Fund subsidy amount, your application will have to be completed with all necessary documents submitted. Please see the next question for a further explanation of out-of-pocket costs.

10. What will my out-of-pocket childcare costs be?
Please visit University Child Development Center’s website to view their current rate sheet. The rates of other childcare centers are determined by those centers. You will need to call prospective centers to acquire this information. If you receive state subsidy, this will be applied to your childcare costs first, then the Triton Childcare Fund subsidy will be applied to the leftover balance. Your out-of-pocket costs will be the balance remaining after subsidies have been applied. The Triton Childcare Fund award amount is determined upon the acceptance of your application, after all documents have been received and reviewed. Utilization of a sliding fee scale will provide families with the greatest need, the highest subsidy level. By submitting an application, students give permission for the Triton Childcare Fund staff to access personal financial and academic information through UMSL’s Financial Aid and Registrar’s Office to determine eligibility. Changes in enrollment, credit hours, or financial status may reduce or forfeit funding.

11. Do I have to re-apply for the Triton Childcare Fund each semester?
Eligibility for the Triton Childcare Fund is reviewed each semester. Students will not have to re-apply; however, documents will need to be updated. Current participants will be reviewed first for the following semester/year. Triton Childcare Funds are limited and are not guaranteed from one semester to the next.

12. What is required of Triton Childcare Fund recipients when accepted?
• Pay monthly copayment for child care provided
• Complete program/service evaluations as requested
• Maintain satisfactory academic progress each term (GPA 2.0+)
• Notify Program Coordinator of any changes in UMSL enrollment, credit hours, or financial status
• Adhere to all childcare facility policies and student code of conduct
• Volunteer hours may also be required