



ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD
Career and Professional Development Network

FIRST THINGS FIRST COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial scholarships to support eligible individuals in completing a credential, associate degree, or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related field*

Scholarship Benefits

- Tuition, books, course and college fees, Child Development Associate (CDA) application and assessment fees
- Financial bonus upon achievement of education milestones during scholarship participation

Eligibility

- Minimum age as defined by college or university acceptance policy
- Enrolled in the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry
- Arizona resident

For scholarship information contact:

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For information about the Arizona Early Childhood Career and Professional Development Network visit:

azearlychildhood.org

Scholarship Application Process

- 1 Identify a primary educational pathway with the support of a college advisor
- 2 Apply for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the first opportunity that the application period is available
- 3 Enroll in courses at an accredited** college or university (maximum of 24 credits per year):
 - Associate Degree in ECE or related field
 - Bachelor's Degree in ECE or related field (regions may vary)
 - Business administration coursework
 - Developmental coursework necessary to complete a degree
- 4 Use the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry* to:
 - Request payment for tuition
 - Request payment for book
 - Request payment for course and college fees
 - Request payment for CDA application and assessment fees

Your Commitment

To continue receiving scholarship benefits, you must complete the following:

- During first year of scholarship participation, use the Registry to enroll in and complete the following
 - FTF Champion Training
 - OR -
 - Health and Safety Specialist Training
- During second year and beyond of scholarship participation
 - Conduct an FTF Champion presentation
 - OR -
 - Mentor a new College Scholarships Participant
 - OR -
 - Attend regional council meetings to present your education story
 - OR -
 - Work with the college scholarship administrative home to present the scholarship program at local conference or in the community
 - OR -
 - Identify an activity that will contribute in a meaningful way to the field, as approved by the administrative home
- Work in the field
 - For 6 months*** after achieving a CDA credential
 - For one year*** after achieving an Associate's degree
 - For two years*** after achieving a Bachelor's degree

Get \$ for Going to School

The scholarship program will provide bonuses at education milestones during scholarship participation.****

* The Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry is accessed through the AZ Early Childhood Career and Professional Development Network (azearlychildhood.org)

** U.S. Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>)

**** Visit the AZ Early Childhood Career and Professional Development Network for more information (<http://azearlychildhood.org/advance-your-career/Scholarships%20and%20Incentives/>)