

Early Childhood Development Scholarship

Program Information: The Early Childhood Development Scholarship is part of the KIDS NOW early childhood initiative. The scholarship is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and provides financial assistance for tuition for Kentucky students who are pursuing a degree or certification in the child development/education fields.

Eligibility Criteria: An applicant must:

- (1)** be a Kentucky Resident and U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident;
- (2) (a.)** be employed at least 20 hours weekly in a participating early childhood facility approved by the early childhood facility, or **(b.)** provide training in early childhood development at least 12 times per year for an organization approved to offer training by the Office of Inspector General of the Cabinet for Health Services, or **(c.)** be employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded preschool program.;
- (3)** Not be eligible to receive state or federal training funds through Head Start, a public preschool program, or First Steps;
- (4)** Have no unpaid financial obligation to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; (5) submit the scholarship application by the deadline to the professional development counselor; and (6) Agree to a service commitment based on the credential pursued.

Selection Process: Initial scholarship offers shall be made to all eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until appropriated funds are exhausted. Scholarships awarded for a CCCC does not guarantee eligibility for a CDA Scholarship.

Important Note:

Completed and signed applications may be submitted 45 days prior to the training start date and no later than 2 weeks prior to the training start date. If application is not received within specified time frames, you may not receive a scholarship.

For further information and to request an application, please contact Amber Peck, Professional Development Counselor at: (606) 759-7141 x 66258 or by email at APECK0007@kctcs.edu.