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KHEAA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (KHEAA) EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET

Available for:

- CDA (Child Development Associate Credential)
- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education or a related degree that is approved by the Early Childhood Development Authority.
- Kentucky Early Childhood Development Director's Certificate
- Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education (only available for Directors, and Assistant Directors).

Scholarship Requirements:

- Must be employed at least 20 hours per week in a Child Care setting: Type 1, Type 2, or Certified Family Home. For questions regarding Head Start or Public Preschool Teachers eligibility please contact your Regional Professional Development Coach.
- *State-funded public preschool programs are not eligible for ARPA funding. However, you may still apply for the KY All Stars Scholarship money through KHEAA.
- Must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.
- Must be a Kentucky resident.
- Have no unpaid financial obligation to the KY Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).
- Due to ARPA funding through September 2024, additional funds may be available to cover the entire cost of a scholar's semester tuition, not to exceed \$6,305.00 per semester. There is no limit on the number of credit hours allowable each semester through September 2024.
- Must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you may apply online at www.fafsa.cd.gov.

Employer Responsibilities:

- Pay up to \$50.00 per semester, per scholar, for textbook expenses.
- Pay 10% of the Milestone Achievement Award per scholar at the conclusion of the degree program.
- The CDA Milestone Achievement Award is \$250.00. The State pays \$225.00, the employer pays \$25.00.
- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education Milestone Achievement Award is \$300.00. The State pays \$270.00, employer pays \$30.00.
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education Milestone Achievement Award is \$500.00.
- The State will pay \$450.00, employer will pay \$50.00.
- The Kentucky Early Childhood Development Director's Certificate Milestone Achievement Award is \$300.00. The State will pay \$270.00, employer will pay \$30.00.

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Scholar Responsibilities

- Enroll in a KY college/university in Child Development, Early Childhood degree, or program of study approved by the Early Childhood Development Authority.
- Agree to pay any expenses not covered by the scholarship program in order to complete their degree/credential. This may include, but is not limited to student and testing fees, as well as textbooks..
- Agree to continue employment in sponsoring child care program:
 - 6 months for the CDA
 - 1 year for the AAS of ECE degree and Director's Credential
 - BS of ECE requires six months of additional work in the sponsoring center plus one additional year in the early child care field in KY.

MONETARY INCENTIVES

Related education reimbursement per semester based on C average grade

- CDA Credential- \$50.00
- AAS Degree- \$100.00
- BA Degree- \$100.00
- Director's Credential- \$100.00

*Submit a scholarship application each semester by the deadline.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:

Spring Semester

Summer Semester

Fall Semester

July 16th - November 15th

January 16th - April 15th

April 16th - July 15th

For More Information Locate Your:

Regional Professional Development Coach

www.childcareawareky.org/about-child-care-aware/coaches/