



Non-College Scholarship Program CCCC/CDA

What is the Non-College Scholarship Program?

This program provides scholarships to the extent of available funds for early care and education professionals seeking the Commonwealth Child Care Credential (CCCC) and the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). There are several agencies in Kentucky that offer this program. Receive a list of them by contacting your Professional Development Coach. Find your PD Coach by county served, at this website link:

<https://www.childcareawareky.org/about-child-care-aware/coaches/>

Eligibility Requirements

An applicant **MUST**:

- Be a Kentucky resident and U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.
- Be employed at least 20 hours weekly in a participating early childhood facility **or** be employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded public preschool program.
- Not be eligible to receive other state or federal training funds through Head Start, a public preschool program, or First Steps.
- Agree to a service commitment based on the credential pursued (**see Service Commitment below**).
- Complete an application for each 60 hours of instruction and submit the application by the deadline to the Professional Development Counselor.
- If applying for a CDA, have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- The scholarship program shall not be used in conjunction with any other KIDS Now Scholarship Program.

How much is the Scholarship?

The scholarship amounts awarded to an eligible applicant are \$500.00 for the CCCC (Term 1) and \$500.00 for the CDA (Term 2). Funds are not to exceed \$1000.00. The scholarship funds are paid directly to the training organization. Employers agree to sponsor Textbook Reimbursements for their employees, up to \$50 each Semester.

Additional Monies Available:

- With proof of credentials awarded, scholars may be eligible for two (2) Milestone Achievement Awards. These awards are funded 90% by the state and 10% by the scholar's participating child care facility. The award amounts are as follows:
- CCCC= \$100.00 (Child Care Center pays \$10) CDA= \$250.00 (Child Care Center pays \$25)

Service Commitment

A scholarship applicant must commit that he or she will subsequently render service:

- For six (6) months at a participating early childhood facility upon obtaining the Commonwealth Child Care Credential (CCCC).
- For six (6) months at a participating early childhood facility upon obtaining the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA).

For more information, contact your PD Coach.