

**Golden Corridor
Association for the Education of Young Children**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Information for GoAEYC Members

Scholarship is a maximum of \$250 per calendar year for any member

Scholarship funds are available to current members of GoAEYC for any of the following:

1. Early Childhood college level courses
 2. Child Development Associate (CDA) Certification
 3. Early Childhood Conferences/Trainings attendance
 4. Individuals that completed the Illinois Director Credential
 5. Programs seeking NAEYC or NAFCC Accreditation or Re-accreditation
- All expenses must be incurred in the same calendar year as the funds are awarded.
 - Funds will be awarded in the order the applications are received until the allocated funds are depleted.
 - Applications must be submitted **after** the completion of professional development for which scholarship is requested. All required documentation must accompany the application.
 - The GoAEYC Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for selecting the recipients based on applications received and the amount of funds available each year. Scholarship amounts will not exceed costs incurred minus funds received from other sources.

Listed below are the requirements for each scholarship type:

1. Members who have completed an **Early Childhood college level course**:
 - A. The following documentation must accompany the application: course description, report card reflecting the grade upon course completion and the receipts indicating tuition payment for the course(s) and books.
 - B. A grade of C or better must be achieved.
 - C. Scholarships must be applied for within 60 days of the completion of the class
2. Members who have completed the **Child Development Associate (CDA)** certification:
 - A. The following documentation must accompany the application: proof of payment of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Application Fee, Assessment Fee, and/or Advisor Fee and a copy of the CDA Certificate
 - B. Scholarships can only be awarded for CDA Certificates completed within the calendar year that reimbursement is requested.

3. Members who have attended Early Childhood Conferences/Trainings:
 - A. The following documentation must accompany the application: proof of payment of registration fee, hotel or travel expenses and certificate of training completion.
 - B. **Scholarships** can only be awarded for conference/training completed within the calendar year that reimbursement is requested.

4. Members who have completed the **Illinois Director Credential**:
 - A. The following documentation must accompany the application: proof of payment of Credential fees along with Illinois Director Credential Award.
 - B. Scholarships can only be awarded for Illinois Director Credential completed within the calendar year that reimbursement is requested.

5. Programs seeking **NAEYC or NAFCC Accreditation or Re-accreditation**:
 - A. The Director of the program seeking accreditation or re-accreditation must be a current member of GoAEYC.
 - B. The following documentation must accompany the grant application: proof of payment of Accreditation Application or Candidacy/Onsite visit and letter stating Accreditation has been achieved.

Mail completed application form and required documentation to:

GoAEYC
PO Box 959103
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

Call Martha Westerberg 847-850-2111 with questions.