

EARLY ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship opportunities are available for students who are employed at an Early Achievers (EA) facility. Scholarships are available for CDA programs, Certificates, Associates Degrees and Bachelor's Degrees in Early Childhood Education (ECE). Choosing an academic program that supports your career goals is an important decision. Early Achievers Opportunity Grants and Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals are two student financial aid resources that are prioritized for students who are employed by Early Achievers facilities. Below is a chart to help you decide which scholarship program would be best for you. You may also be eligible for additional financial aid beyond these scholarship opportunities. Check with your school of choice to learn about additional opportunities.

	Early Achievers Opportunity Grant	Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals General Scholarship	Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals Bachelor's Degree
Funded Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Degrees in ECE Stackable Certificates CDA Direct Assessment Application Fee for admitted students pursuing additional coursework in ECE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Development Associates (CDA) CDA Direct Assessment Application and Renewal Fee Associate Degrees in ECE ECE Certificates or Stackable Certificates 	Bachelor's Degrees in ECE or other similar, pre-approved degree
Award Amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4000 Tuition, not to exceed 52 credits/year \$1000/year for books and instructional materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Tuition \$1,000/year for books CDA Direct Assessment Application and renewal fee coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$6,000 per year for tuition \$1,000 per year for books
Student Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a formal application to the ECE program Enroll in an approved Early Childhood Education program Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average and meet the college's satisfactory academic progress policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll in a minimum of 12 credits annually, no max Remain employed by an Early Achievers facility for six months following contract completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll in a minimum of 15 credits annually Remain employed by an Early Achievers facility for one year following contract completion Apply for federal financial aid
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been employed at an Early Achievers participating facility for at least three months Washington Resident as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed in an Early Achievers participating facility Have been employed with current child care facility for the last three months Washington resident as defined by chosen academic institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed in an Early Achievers participating facility Have a completed AA degree Have been employed with current child care facility for 6 months Washington resident as defined by chosen academic institution

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Employment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed a minimum of 10 hours per week or 40 hours per month for a minimum of three months at an Early Achievers participating facility Provide evidence of employment at Early Achievers facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work an average of 20 hours per week in a licensed facility CCC: Signed Center Participation Agreement Employer contribution: up to 3 hours of paid release time weekly (paid by scholarship program) Provide financial incentive upon contract completion, \$300 bonus award or 1.5% raise upon contract completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work an average of 20 hours per week in a licensed facility CCC: Signed Center Participation Agreement Employer contribution: offer up to 3 hours of paid release time weekly (paid by scholarship program) Provide financial incentive upon contract completion in the form of a \$300 bonus award or 1.5% raise
Other Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Advising Career Planning Student Mentoring Tutoring eLearning Tutoring or Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release Time: \$11/hour up to 3 hours/week Professional Development navigation support \$300 bonus from Washington Scholarships after successful contract completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Stipend: \$100/quarter Release Time: \$11/hour up to 3 hours/week Professional Development navigation support \$300 bonus from Washington Scholarships after successful contract completion
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Grant Application <p>Contact Information See below for a location near you</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Washington Scholarships application CCC: Submit signed Center Participation Agreement <p>Contact Information for Washington Scholarships Phone: (866) 308-3224 Email: scholarships@wa.childcareaware.org http://www.wa.childcareaware.org/providers/scholarships</p>	
College Options	Participating Community Colleges	Any Washington State community or technical college	Any WA State college or university offering a BA in Early Childhood Education or similar, pre-approved field

FCC: Indicates requirements for family child care programs

CCC: Indicates requirements for child care center employees

Early Achievers Points of Contact

To support you in your academic journey, each community college offering Early Achievers scholarship opportunities has a “point of contact” to help you get started. The Point of Contact is someone that will help with your enrollment into college, class advising and Early Achievers scholarship opportunities. Below is a list of participating colleges and their point of contact information.

College	Point of Contact	Email	Phone
Bates Technical College	Heather Robison	hrobison@bates.ctc.edu	(253) 680-7511
Bellevue College	Sharon Romppan	sromppan@bellevuecollege.edu	(425) 564-2098
Big Bend Community College	Heidi Summers	heidis@bigbend.edu	(509) 793-2052
Centralia College	Heather Ashton	hashton@centralia.edu	(360) 736-9391 Ext. 462
Clark College	Jessica Woods	jwoods@clark.edu	(360) 992-2398
Edmonds Community College	Connie Schatz	cschatz@email.edcc.edu	(425) 640-1612
Everett Community College	Paula Solis Krock	pauanderson@everett.edu	(425) 388-9976
Grays Harbor College	June McConnell	June.mcconnell@ghc.edu	(360) 538-2522
Green River College	Diana Holz	dholz@greenriver.edu	(253) 833-9111
Highline College	Jodi White	JWhite@highline.edu	(206) 592-4085
Lake Washington Technical College	Shanti Connors	ShantiConnors@lwtech.edu	(425) 739-8177
Lower Columbia College	Sue Akins-Fields	sakins-fields@lcc.ctc.edu	(360) 442-2558
	Ann Williamson	awilliamson@lcc.edu	(360) 442-2892
North Seattle College	Samantha Dolan	samantha.dolan@seattlecolleges.edu	(206) 934-4625
Olympic College	Holly Lanoue	hlanoue@olympic.edu	(360) 475-7195
Peninsula College	Yvette Cline	ycline@pencol.edu	(360) 417-6495
Pierce College – Fort Steilacoom	Sharene Leek	sleek@pierce.ctc.edu	(253) 964-6774
Pierce College -- Puyallup	Sharene Leek	sleek@pierce.ctc.edu	(253) 964-6774
Renton Technical College	Barbara Culler	bculler@rtc.edu	(425) 235-2202
Seattle Central College	Samantha Dolan	samantha.dolan@seattlecolleges.edu	206-934-4625
Skagit Valley College	Katelynn Orellana	Katelynn.Orellana@skagit.edu	(360) 416-7971
South Puget Sound Community College	Caprice Paduano	cpaduano@spscc.edu	(360) 596-5462
Spokane Falls Community College	Tennille O’Blenness	Tennille.oblenness@sfcc.spokane.edu	(509) 533-3095
Walla Walla Community College	Samantha Bowen	samantha.bowen@wwcc.edu	(509) 524-5142

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Wenatchee Valley College	Nancy Spurgeon	nspurgeon@wvc.edu	(509) 682-6633
Whatcom Community College	Kim Doyle	kdoyle@whatcom.ctc.edu	(360) 383-3267
Yakima Valley Community College	Denise Paikuli	dpaikuli@yvcc.edu	(509) 574-4787

Here is a link to the college locations in Washington http://www.sbctc.ctc.edu/general/c_index.aspx