



March 1, 2010

Dear Early Childhood Educator,

We are very excited to inform you about a scholarship now being offered by the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. and Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. to assist you with your educational goals.

The Early Learning Coalition offers the STEP UP Scholarship program. A STEP UP scholarship provides assistance to directors, child care center teachers and family child care home providers who are renewing their CDA or CDA/E (now the FCCPC), obtaining or renewing their director credential, or continuing the A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. You will find additional information about the STEP UP scholarship included in this packet.

Please complete the attached application and answer **all** questions accurately and completely. If you are currently a student at St. Pete College, or have taken a course in the past, please complete the A.S. Degree Status Form **and a copy of your current transcript** and submit it with your application. Applications are due **no later than April 1, 2010 at 5:00 PM.** Applications received after this date will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed by a committee. Using eligibility guidelines, the committee will select applicants to receive funding to help meet their immediate educational goals.

All applications should be hand delivered to or sent by U.S. Postal Mail to:

Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc.
c/o Barbara Scarsbrook
5735 Rio Vista Drive
Clearwater, FL 33760

Faxed applications will not be accepted.

STEP UP Scholarships -- Questions & Answers

The Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County STEP UP Scholarship offers scholarships for teachers employed in child care facilities or family child care homes located in Pinellas County who are pursuing their A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education at St. Petersburg College. Scholarships are also provided for classes which help teachers meet requirements for renewing their CDAE or Director Credential.

1. What does the scholarship pay for?

- The scholarship will pay for registration fees, lab fees and tuition for any courses needed for obtaining an A.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education or for courses needed for the either the CDAE or Director Credential renewal.

2. What does the student pay for?

- The **scholarship recipient** is responsible for payment of books and any other fees (i.e., parking).
- The scholarship will **not** cover the additional fees for non-residents of Florida.

3. Who is eligible?

- Applicants must be actively employed at a licensed child care facility or Family Child Care home in Pinellas County, must have a high school diploma and must be a resident of Florida for at least 12 months.

4. How do I apply?

- Complete the enclosed Scholarship Application and submit by the deadline (4/1/2010).

5. How will I be notified if I am accepted?

- Recipients will be notified by phone if you have been accepted. Paperwork will then be mailed which must be completed and returned no later than April 16, 2010. Classes are scheduled to being the week of May 17, 2010.

6. How do I know what courses to choose?

- Upon notification of receiving the scholarship, you will be asked to select courses offered for the Summer 2010 Session. Classes are offered in blended format (unless noted otherwise), which include classroom meetings and online assignments. The following courses will be available:

- EEC 1603 Early Childhood Development (Thursday) or on-line
- EEC 1223 Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood (Tuesday)
- EEC 2002 Foundations of Child Care Administration (Monday)
- EEC 1600 Guiding Young Children (Monday)
- EEC 2271 Intro to Working with Young Children/Spec Needs*
- EEC 2312 Creative Activities for Young Children*
- LAE 2000 Language Arts for Young Children*

* This class is offered on-line only.

7. Who do I contact with questions?

- For STEP UP Scholarship questions, contact Barbara Scarsbrook at 727-548-1439 ext. 30 or by e-mail at bscarsbrook@elcpinellas.org.



Unified Scholarship Application

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Personal Information (Please Print)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Employment Information (Please Print)

Circle One: Child Care Center Family Child Care Provider

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

Employer Phone: _____ Years Employed at this Location: _____

Current Job Title: _____

Ages of the children in my care: _____

Educational Information (Please Print)

My **Current** Educational Level is:

High School Diploma/GED

CDA/CDAE (Now known as FCCPC/ECPC)

CDAE from PTEC

Some College

A.S./A.A. Degree Subject: _____

B.A./B.S. Degree Subject: _____

M.A./M.S. Degree Subject: _____

Educational Goals

What is your **immediate** educational goal? (**Check One Only**)

Director's Credential and/or renewal

CDA/E Renewal

A.S. Degree in Early Childhood

B.A./B.S. Degree in Early Childhood

M.A./M.S. Degree (Pre-K—Primary)

Have you successfully completed a college level course in the past three (3) years? YES NO

Have you ever been a student at St. Petersburg College?
YES NO

If yes, student ID number: _____

Are you currently attending college? YES NO

If you answered "YES", please complete the following:

Where are you attending school: _____

Area of Study: _____

Anticipated date of graduation: Mo. ____ Yr. ____ Unknown ____

Have you ever received scholarship aid from (check all that apply)

TEACH Early Learning Coalition PERKS

ECA of Florida JWB

Other: _____

Have you been a resident of Florida for at least one year?
YES NO



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Applicant Name: _____

Please state why you are applying for this scholarship in one paragraph in 5 to 7 sentences. (This section must be completed.)

I am applying for this scholarship because:

I understand that my educational goals will be matched to an appropriate funding source. My application does not guarantee acceptance due to limited funding. I understand that information contained on this application will be shared with all collaborating funders and that funders reserve the right to change their funding priorities.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you are employed by a child care center or large family child care home you must have your supervisor complete and sign this section in support of your application.

Has this employee successfully completed their probationary period?
YES NO

Supervisor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Completed applications must be postmarked by
4/1/2010**

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Is your current work site contracted with Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. ? YES NO

How many children enrolled at your work site are receiving CCC scholarship funding? _____

Is your work site participating in the Pinellas 5-Star Quality Improvement Program? YES NO

If yes, what was the overall score on the last Environment Rating Scale Assessment? _____

Summer 2009/Scholarship Committee Use Only

Received: _____ Approved Accepted

Course Number Enrolled: _____

Denied Declined Reason: _____

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEGREE STATUS FORM

Name _____

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CHDEV-AS

Complete the following by checking all courses completed/enrolled in as of 5/1/10. Please note any courses that you are currently enrolled in during Spring 2010 session. Attach a copy of your SPC transcript. Submit both with the application.

General Education Courses			
ENC 1101	Composition I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENC 1102	Composition II	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPC 1600	Introduction to Speech Communication	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPC 1600 H	Or SPC 1600H, SPC 1016, SPC 1060 OR SPC 1060H		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mathematics with MAC, MAP, MAS, MGF, MTG or STA prefix	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
POS 2041	American National Government or Honors	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHI 1600	Studies in Applied Ethics	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Or PHI 1602h, PHI 1631, PHI 2635 OR PHI 2649 (Circle Course/s taken)		
	Computer/Information Literacy Competency Requirement		<input type="checkbox"/>

Support Courses (12 Credits) – a grade of “C” or higher is required			
	Any approved Natural Science Course Course # _____	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEP 2102	Child Development	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSY 1012	General Psychology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Or PSY 1012 H		<input type="checkbox"/>
SYG 2000	Introductory Sociology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OR SYG 2430 Marriage and Family		<input type="checkbox"/>

Major Course (30 Credits) – a grade of “C” or higher is required			
EEC 1308	Early Childhood Planning and Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 1223	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 1600	Guiding Young Children	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 1603	Early Childhood Development	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 2271	Introduction to working with Young Children with Special Needs	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 2300	Developing Cognitive Activities for Young Children	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 2312	Developing Creative Activities for Young Children	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EEC 2907	Early Childhood Education Teacher Training	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Electives: (Circle course/s taken)		
(Circle classes you have already taken)	LAE 2000 OR ANY EDG/EEC COURSE NOT ALREADY TAKEN: EDG 2701, EEC 2002, EEC 2272, EEC 2523, EEC 2943 (3 CREDITS EACH) EDG 1319, EEC 2500, EEC 2521 (1 CREDIT EACH)	6	

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS	63 HOURS
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