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(see brochure listing)



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*Providing Educational
Opportunities for
Child Care Professionals*



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What Is the Scholars Program?

The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Credential Assessment. These scholarships enable child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education, receive an educational stipend and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

Mission Statement

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program ensures that eligible child care professionals in the state of Oklahoma have an opportunity to attend a community college to further their education while earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Certificate of Mastery, Director's Certificate of Completion, and/or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

Program Benefits

- Support and technical assistance from scholar coordinators
- College credit for coursework
- Academic and student support services
- Networking with other child care professionals
- Outstanding faculty committed to student success
- Increase quality child care
- Scholarships for coursework at career technology centers and community colleges
- Scholarship for the CDA or CCP Credential Assessment application process
- Educational stipends



Scholar Coordinator Assistance

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program Scholar Coordinators help with:

- Pell Grants
- College admission
- Onsite technical assistance
- Scholars Program Scholarships
- REWARD Oklahoma Incentive Program
- CDA Credential

Steps to Success

Associate Degree

child development/early childhood education for all providers
(minimum of 60 credit hours)

Director's Certificate of Mastery*

for directors, assistant directors, and family child care providers
(33 credit hour certificate)

Director's Certificate of Completion**

for director's and assistant directors only
(24 credit hour certificate)

Certificate of Mastery in Child Development

for all providers
(18 credit hour certificate)

CDA Credential
for all providers

**only available through OSU-OKC*

***awarded by the Scholar's Program*



Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program, child care providers must:

- Work in a one-star plus or above OKDHS or tribal-licensed child care facility with a minimum of 10 percent subsidy children at time of application.
- Work as a teacher, family child care provider or director at least 30 hours per week earning \$15.50 or less per hour.
- Be employed at a child care facility at least three months before beginning coursework or have taken Entry Level Child Care Training (ELCCT).

Note: Due to the availability of education and training funds, employees from federally funded child care programs are not eligible to participate in the scholarship. Additionally, employees from school-age programs are not eligible to participate in the scholarship at this time.

