

Scholars for Excellence in Child Care

Providing Educational Opportunities for Child Care Professionals

ASSESSMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Who can get the scholarship?

The Scholars program provides an assessment scholarship to eligible child care providers for the national CDA or CCP credential. The scholarship assists with the application process and assessment fee.

What are the CDA and CCP Credentials?

- ☆ **Child Development Associate (CDA)**: a national credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition to child care professionals who have successfully completed the CDA assessment process. The education component for the CDA can be met through Pathway training or nine credit hours of child development or early childhood education.
- ☆ **Certified Child Care Professional (CCP)**: a national credential awarded by the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission, Inc. to child care professionals who have successfully demonstrated knowledge of early childhood development and skills in working with young children. 150 of the 180 clock hours for the CCP education component can be met through Pathway training.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- ☆ Complete Pathway training and obtain the Pathway Competency Certificate or complete nine credit hours of child development or early childhood education.
- ☆ Meet eligibility requirements to apply for a CDA or CCP credential.
- ☆ Work in a one-star plus or higher DHS-licensed or military-monitored or tribal-monitored child care facility.
- ☆ The facility must have a minimum of 10% DHS and/or tribal subsidy enrollment at the 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.

What's next?

You learned a lot earning your credential. You can use what you learned from getting your credential and take the next step in furthering your professional development by enrolling at the community college for a Certificate of Mastery in child development.

If you decide to advance your education further, many degree programs offer credits to individuals with a current CDA or CCP credential.

For more information about the college, career technology center and assessment scholarships, call 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9133 or visit okhighered.org/scholars.

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