Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program 2007-2008

Priority Deadline: July 1, 2007

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Early Childhood Educators Scholarship recipients may receive financial assistance if enrolled in an eligible associate or bachelor’s degree program as specified, at an eligible two-year or four-year college or university in Massachusetts. Scholarship recipients are subject to the following terms and conditions:

Student Eligibility Criteria:
To be eligible for the Early Childhood Educators Scholarship, a student must:
- Be employed, for at least one year, as an early educator or provider in an early education or care program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and continue employment in this field while pursuing your course of study
- Be enrolled in an eligible undergraduate program of study, and has not earned a prior bachelor’s degree or its equivalent
- Sign an agreement to teach or perform service as a provider in an early childhood public school, agency, or care program in Massachusetts as required by the Board of Higher Education and Department of Early Education and Care, as specified
- Be a permanent resident of Massachusetts and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen for at least one year prior to the start of the academic year
- Be eligible under Title IV and not in default of a state or federal student loan, or owe a refund on any federal or state grant

Student Responsibilities:
As a recipient of the Early Childhood Educators Scholarship, you are responsible for:
- Notifying the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance of any change in your name, address or social security number, or employment status as an early educator or provider
- Informing the Office of Student Financial Assistance of any change in your plans to pursue a course of study
- Annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Annually complete and return all required forms relating to the Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with institutional standards

Scholarship Acceptance Terms:
If you accept the scholarship, you agree to:
- Remain employed in an early childhood education and care program in Massachusetts while completing the requirements for your degree program
- Enroll as a matriculated undergraduate student in an eligible degree program meeting the standards of the Department of Early Education and Care
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with institutional policy on all college work
- Complete your educational program within a reasonable timeframe upon entering college
- Continue employment in Massachusetts as an educator or provider in the field of early childhood education and care for a minimum of six months for each semester of scholarship assistance received, not to exceed two years for an associate’s degree or four years for a bachelor’s degree

If you fail to comply with the service obligation as outlined, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will require that you repay the amount of the scholarship received, prorated according to the fraction of service obligation not fulfilled, as determined by the Board of Higher Education and the Department of Early Education and Care.

By my signature below, I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program.

________________________________________________________________________
Student Name (please print)        Signature        Date

________________________________________________________________________
Name of College

Please return this form to:
Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program
Massachusetts Office of Financial Assistance
454 Broadway, Suite 200
Revere, MA 02151
Telephone 617.727.9420 Fax 617.727.0667
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2007-2008 APPLICATION

Applicant Information (Please Print):

Last Name                                      First                  Middle       Maiden Name (if applicable)

Permanent Address                                    City                                   State              Zip

Telephone Number: (________) ___________________ E-mail: _________________________________

☐ Male       ☐ Female    Social Security Number: ___________________ Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Ethnic/Racial Background (optional):

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native      ☐ Hispanic/Latino      ☐ Multi-racial/Other
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander/Indian Subcontinent      ☐ Cape Verdean
☐ Black/African American (non-Hispanic)      ☐ White (non-Hispanic)

College Information: Do you have a prior bachelor’s degree? ☐ YES ☐ NO

YES ☐ You are not eligible for the Early Childhood Educators Scholarship.

NO ☐ Please proceed and complete this application.

College/University you plan to attend in 2007-2008: ________________________________________________

Location: _____________________________________________

Education Major/ Specific Program of Study: ______________________________________________________________

*You must be admitted as a matriculated student in an eligible degree program before your application can be considered.

Please check which degree you are working towards: ☐ Associates ☐ Bachelors

* You must complete the 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov in order to be considered for the Early Educators scholarship Program.

Enrollment Status: Please indicate the number of credits you plan to enroll in for all semesters you anticipate taking courses. The maximum award amount for each semester is 9 credits. All scholarship awards are contingent upon available funding.

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Academic Grade Level:

☐ 1st year undergraduate/Freshman       ☐ 2nd year undergraduate/Sophomore       ☐ 3rd year undergraduate/Junior
☐ 4th year undergraduate/Senior         ☐ 5th year undergraduate

When do you expect to complete your degree program? Month: __________ Year: __________
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PROOF OF EMPLOYMENT/PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION
(Required answers *)

Applicant’s Current Employment

*Are you currently employed in an EEC licensed or licensed-exempt program? □ Yes □ No

NO ⇔ You are not eligible for the Early Educators Scholarship Program.
YES ⇔ Please complete this application.

*Current Employer/FCC Provider Name: ____________________________________________

*Program Address:
Street Address       City         State          Zip

*Program Phone Number* (______) __________________________ EEC Program number: __________________________

*Current position/Title:__________________________________________ *Start Date: __________________________

The Department of Early Education and Care will contact your supervisor to verify your employment information.

*Supervisor’s Last Name: ____________________________ *Supervisor’s First Name: ____________________________

*Supervisor’s Phone Number: (______) __________________________ Supervisor email: ____________________________

If you have not worked at your current place of employment for at least one year, please provide the following information regarding your previous employer.

Previous Employment:

Employer/FCC Provider Name: __________________________________________

Program Address:
Street Address       City         State          Zip

Program Phone Number: (______) __________________________ EEC Program number: __________________________

Position/title: __________________________________________

Dates of Service: From __________________________ To __________________________

Month/Year          Month/Year

*Supervisor’s Last Name: ____________________________ *Supervisor’s First Name: ____________________________

*Supervisor’s Phone Number: (______) __________________________ Supervisor email: ____________________________

* You must complete the 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov in order to be considered for the Early Educators scholarship Program. You must also be currently enrolled or admitted to an eligible institution before funds may be awarded.