



Back to Work: Early Childhood Education Scholarship Program

Scholarship Benefits

ECCLA's Back to Work Scholarship provides participants with 1:1 College and Career Navigation support along with one-time scholarship awards **up to \$2,500!** Scholarship funds can be spread across your entire degree or certificate program, **so you can save them for when you need them.** Additionally, Back to Work Scholarship funds can be used to pay for educational expenses like tuition and fees, books, supplies, transportation to/from school, child care, living expenses, **and more!**

ECCLA's Back to Work Scholarship also works in conjunction with other scholarships and programs, like college scholarships and grants, the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Colorado Scholarship Program, ASPIRE to Teach®, T-PREP, and more!

Supports Offered

- Support with enrollment, registration, financial aid, scholarships, grants, understanding the total cost of obtaining your degree or certificate, FAFSA assistance, CASFA assistance, and more!
- Support with navigating institutional barriers and academic hurdles along with social, wellness, familial, and personal concerns
- 1:1 support to ensure progression toward the completion of your degree or certificate
- Connection to various types of resources, career navigation and support, and support with transitioning back into the workforce

For More Information

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Overview

Back to Work: Early Childhood Education is a unique scholarship program that works to **support Coloradans displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic**, including those laid off or furloughed, those that have experienced decreased earnings, had job offers rescinded, or could not enter the workforce because of adverse economic conditions. Through the [Back to Work Grant](#), the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) is proud to partner with the [Colorado Department of Higher Education](#)'s COSI Scholarship Program to help provide the education and training you need for your next job in the Early Childhood field!

Eligibility

Participants must meet the following criteria for scholarship eligibility:

- Student experienced an economic loss within the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as lost or adverse changes in employment, increased food or housing insecurity, had to withdraw from college after March 13, 2020, or suffered another form of economic loss.
- Student is planning to enroll (or is already enrolled) in an undergraduate degree or certificate program related to Early Childhood Education.
- Student is planning to enroll (or is already enrolled) at a [Colorado Public Institution of Higher Education](#).
- Student can complete degree or certificate program by June 30, 2024 (the Spring 2024 Semester).
- Student is a Colorado resident receiving in-state tuition **and** has an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of **14614** or less as determined by [FAFSA](#) or [CASFA](#).

Participant Commitments

- Complete required scholarship forms, including an online Application and Scholarship Packet.
- Attend and successfully complete all required courses until degree or certificate program is complete.
- Complete degree or certificate by June 30, 2024 (the Spring 2024 Semester).
- Submit grades to ECCLA promptly after each semester.
- Submit expenses via email or online Scholarship Packet as needed.
- Register with the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS).
- Complete various scholarship surveys and satisfaction surveys.

ECCLA's mission is to advocate for and strengthen the accessibility, quality, and equity of local services and supports through a responsive statewide system of Early Childhood Councils, to benefit Colorado's young children, their families, and early childhood professionals.