



EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

The mission of the Early Childhood Association of Florida is to support early childhood professionals by providing leadership, advocacy, and professional development opportunities

The State Affiliate for SECA and NAEYC

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Child Development Associate (CDA) Scholarship is to promote the educational and professional development of a current member of the Early Childhood Association of Florida (ECA of FL) by providing financial assistance to obtain the National Child Development Associate (CDA) or CDA Renewal. This Scholarship is not intended for any CDA Equivalency program (CDAE), but may be used to help a member who currently has a CDAE obtain a National CDA. The CDA scholarship funds are available to pay the application fee only (\$325.00 for initial application/or \$50 for renewal). All checks will be sent to the applicant, and made payable to the CDA Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. There are no deadlines for this application and previous recipients of this and other scholarships are eligible.

Criteria for a CDA/Equivalency Scholarship:

The applicant must:

- be a current member of ECA of FL and have been a member of this organization for at least one year
- live or work in Florida
- show proof of completion of required 120 hours of documentable training
- submit a completed application including one letter of recommendation from your CDA Advisor stating that all National CDA requirements have been met
- meet all required criteria by the CDA Council to obtain or renew CDA credential
- provide a copy of the CDA credential within 30 days of receipt to the ECA of FL office
- agree to repay ECA of FL for any monies received if for any reason the credential is not awarded
- mail completed application to ECA of FL Business Office, 3026 W. Main Street, Tampa, FL 33607, at least 60 days prior CDA application deadline

Recipients are encouraged to attend the annual membership meeting at the ECA of FL conference to be recognized.

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

The Early Childhood Association of Florida (ECA of FL) follows all equal opportunity practices and policies. Discrimination is prohibited on the basis of race, creed, color, age, national origin, gender, or handicap.

**THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA
CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA)
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip Code

Telephone # (Home): (____) _____ (Work): (____) _____

Current Employer: _____ Your position: _____

Address _____
Street and Number City State Zip Code

Telephone #: (____) _____

Name of Local ECA of FL Affiliate/OR County: _____

Number of years of membership in the Early Childhood Association of Florida: _____

Offices held or committee participation at local, state, regional, or national level: _____

Write a brief summary describing your professional goals.

- Attach a letter of recommendation from your CDA Advisor stating that you have met all of the National CDA requirements
- Attach proof of completion of required 120 hours of documentable training

If the Early Childhood Association of Florida awards me a Child Development Associate (CDA) Scholarship (for initial application or renewal fee), I agree to submit a copy of the CDA credential within 30 days of receipt to the ECA of FL office. In the event I do not receive my National CDA Credential, I agree to repay the Early Childhood Association of FL the full amount awarded.

Signature

Date

This application must be submitted at least 60 days prior CDA application or renewal deadline.