



EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA
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the quality of life, learning, and care of young children and their families through
leadership, advocacy, and professional development of its members.*

The State Affiliate for SECA and NAEYC

ECA of FL SECA or NAEYC CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The purpose of this scholarship is to promote the professional development and leadership of a member of the Early Childhood Association of Florida (ECA of FL) by attending a Regional SECA (Southern Early Childhood Association) Conference or a National NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Conference. For more information about the SECA Conference visit www.southernearlychildhood.org. For more information about the NAEYC Conference visit www.naeyc.org. Local affiliates and Community at Large Chapters are encouraged to submit recommendations of outstanding members who have contributed to the goals and purpose of the organization at the local affiliate level. An affiliate or Community at Large Chapter may recommend only one applicant each year.

The recipient receives the following:

- Registration to the full Conference
- Travel (mileage reimbursement or airfare) up to \$400
- Up to 3 nights Hotel Accommodations

REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant is a current member of at least 3 continuous years and has not attended the requested conference before.
2. The applicant has contributed service to the organization through the state affiliate, the local affiliate, or the community-at-large level.
3. A local or state board member submits a letter of recommendation for the applicant.
4. The applicant must obtain a recommendation from a current or former employer. If the applicant is a student, recommendation from an instructor is acceptable.
5. The applicant is able to attend the entire conference for which the scholarship is designated. If the applicant is employed, the recommendation letter from the employer, must state that the employee has approved time off to attend the conference.
6. If the applicant receives the award, they are required to sign a letter of acceptance upon receipt, and they must submit a written follow up report within 60 days of attending the conference. If possible they will also give a brief verbal report at an ECA Leadership meeting, or at the annual ECA conference, within 1 year of attending the conference.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS BEFORE THE
CONFERENCE TO:
ECA of FL
3026 W. Main Street
Tampa, FL 33607



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The application must include:

- _____ Complete and signed application
- _____ Explanation by applicant of his/her participation in the local affiliate (at least 200 words)
- _____ Explanation of why applicant wants to attend the conference and how they will use the information gained. Also explaining the work they do, and how attending the conference will help them in their work. (at least 500 words)
- _____ Letter of recommendation from a local or state board member describing how this member has contributed to the goals and purposes of the state affiliate, the local affiliate or the community at large group.
- _____ Letter of recommendation from current or previous employer or instructor describing the personal and professional qualities the applicant has in the field of early childhood care and education. If the applicant is employed, the recommendation letter from the employer, must state that the employee has approved time off to attend the conference
- _____ Postmarked within 45 days of conference

Send completed application to:

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