

Financial Assistance for College Tuition and CDA Assessment Fees

Did you know?

Four tuition assistance programs are available to Keystone STARS practitioners taking ECE courses for college credit:

- 1) **T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program** (contact 717-657-9000 or www.pacca.org)
- 2) **College Tuition Reimbursement Voucher** (access the College Tuition Reimbursement Voucher application and CDA Assessment Fee Voucher application at www.pakeys.org)
- 3) **CAAEYC Scholarship Program** (scholarship information at www.caaeyc.org)
For additional information, contact Kathy Stennett at 717-236-6108 or kes21@psu.edu
- 4) **South Central Regional Key** (partial funding for HACC credit DC and CDA courses) Contact HACC at 717/293-5000 or Kathy Stennett at 717-236-6108 or kes21@psu.edu

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program

- **Scholarship:** The scholarship covers most of the cost for tuition and books. Recipients also receive a travel stipend each semester they are enrolled in class. T.E.A.C.H. requires that the sponsoring child care program offer paid release time for the student to attend class, study, or handle personal needs. Participants are assigned a counselor to assist them in scholarship management and career development.
- **Education:** In one scholarship year, each participant must successfully complete a required number of credit hours (usually 9-15) toward a degree or credential in early childhood education.
- **Compensation:** At the end of the scholarship year, if they complete their educational requirement, participants are eligible to receive either a bonus or a raise.
- **Commitment:** Participants agree to continue working in their child care program for one year after each scholarship year.

College Tuition Reimbursement Voucher

- **Student** must be employed in a Keystone STARS program at a STAR 1 level or higher.
- **Application** must be completed and sent in prior to the completion of the course.
- **Course** must be part of a degree in ECE, Child Dev., or part of a CDA or Director's Credential. Elementary Education is acceptable for school age practitioners
- **Achievement** of a Grade "C" or higher is needed.
- **Successful Applicant** will receive up to 90% reimbursement of tuition costs.

Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC)

- This scholarship program is designed to promote continuing education opportunities to individuals employed in an early childhood education program by awarding a student up to \$350 per year. The scholarship money is awarded as a reimbursement toward a completed early childhood education course.
- The number of scholarships awarded is based on the financial resources available to the Scholarship Fund.
- The applicant must be a current CAAEYC member (membership information can be accessed at www.caaeyc.org/join.php).
- Scholarship recipients may reapply once a year, no less than one year after the date written on the application for which a scholarship was awarded.

South Central Regional Key Financial Assistance

Partial funding for HACC credit Dir. Cred. and CDA courses is available for Keystone STARS program participants. For additional information, contact Kathy Stennett at 717-236-6108 or kes21@psu.edu.