



**MA Department of Early Education and Care
and Department of Higher Education
Early Childhood Educator Scholarship Program**

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Accepting Applications through October 1, 2022!**

The ECE Scholarship Program was established by the Massachusetts Legislature to increase the credentials and qualifications of the early education and care workforce.

The ECE Scholarship is available annually and is a joint initiative between the Department of Higher Education (DHE) Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) and the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). The application for the ECE Scholarship Program will open on **April 1, 2022 through October 1, 2022.**

The scholarship assists early educators and after school/out of school time professionals in pursuing certificate, associate's, bachelor's or masters degree programs, offered by participating Massachusetts colleges or universities. Scholarship applicants may receive financial assistance up to 11 credits per semester in the fall, spring and summer (subject to funding availability) when a matriculated student in an Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Family Studies, Child Care Administration or fields that directly name early child development and its specific areas of inquiry

Eligible applicants for the scholarship must be residents of Massachusetts, working a minimum of 20 hours per week in an EEC-licensed or licensed-exempt program (center-based care, out-of-school time care, or family child care). Eligible applicants must have been employed for a minimum of six months.

For complete details about the ECE Scholarship, or to apply, please visit the following website:

<http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/earlychildhooded.asp>

