



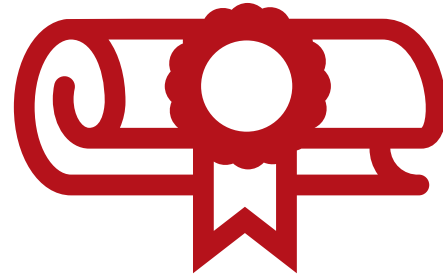
MASSACHUSETTS  
**Department of  
Early Education and Care**



# Beca para Educadores de la Primera Infancia

Sesiones informativas 2026-2027

# Beca para Educadores de la Primera Infancia (ECE)



La beca para Educadores de la Primera Infancia (ECE, por sus siglas en inglés) es una iniciativa conjunta entre el **Departamento de Cuidado y Educación Temprana (EEC, por sus siglas en inglés)** y el **Departamento de Educación Superior (DHE, por sus siglas en inglés)**. Su propósito es apoyar al personal educativo de la primera infancia en el avance de sus trayectorias profesionales mediante oportunidades en la educación superior.

# Apoyo para los estudios universitarios

La beca para ECE ofrece ayuda financiera para obtener **certificados y títulos universitarios** en colegios y universidades elegibles de Massachusetts.

Usted puede solicitar asistencia financiera si trabaja o planea comenzar a trabajar en alguno de los siguientes programas autorizados o financiados por el EEC:

- Cuidado infantil familiar (FCC, por sus siglas en inglés)
- Programa basado en un centro
- Programa de cuidado después de la escuela o de tiempo fuera de la escuela (ASOST, por sus siglas en inglés)
- Programa de colocación residencial
- Sistema contratado de cuidado infantil familiar (FCC)

# Especializaciones disponibles\*

Especializaciones	
Estudios sobre niños y familias	Psicología
Administración de cuidado infantil	Educación primaria
Desarrollo infantil	Educación especial
Consejería infantil	Trabajo social
Psicología infantil	Estudios sobre la familia
Educación de primera infancia	Servicios humanos

\*El título de la especialización seleccionada debe coincidir con una de las opciones antes mencionadas.

Los programas elegibles de posgrado o maestría incluyen las especializaciones anteriores, además de las siguientes: Investigación, regulaciones y prácticas de la primera infancia; Emprendimiento educativo; y Ciencias del aprendizaje

# Monto de las subvenciones

Tipo de institución	Monto por crédito	3 créditos (1 clase)	6 créditos (2 clases)	9 créditos (3 clases)
Universidad pública	\$ 750	\$ 2 250	\$ 4 500	\$ 6 750
Universidad/colegio privado	\$ 750	\$ 2 250	\$ 4 500	\$ 6 750
Colegio estatal	\$ 550	\$ 1 650	\$ 3 300	\$ 4 950
Colegio comunitario	\$ 350	\$ 1 050	\$ 2 100	\$ 3 150

# Cómo comenzar con la beca para ECE

## Pasos a seguir:

1. Confirme los requisitos de elegibilidad

2.	Complete la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA, por sus siglas en inglés)	Solicite admisión en la universidad seleccionada (institución de dos o cuatro años).
	Espera 72 horas después del PROCESAMIENTO.	
	Complete la solicitud de la beca para ECE.	

3. Revise los correos electrónicos y mensajes enviados por la universidad y por la Oficina de Asistencia Financiera para Estudiantes de Massachusetts (OSFA, por sus siglas en inglés).

# Requisitos de elegibilidad



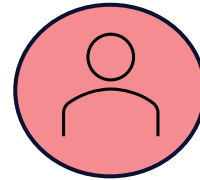
Haber sido residente de Massachusetts durante al menos **1 año**



Haber solicitado ayuda financiera mediante la FAFSA o su equivalente y no encontrarse en incumplimiento de pago de ningún préstamo federal o estatal



**Trabajar** como educador o proveedor  
O  
Ser un **futuro** educador o proveedor (con un plazo de 1 año para obtener empleo) en un programa autorizado por el EEC



Haberse graduado de la escuela secundaria, ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, residente legal permanente o una persona no ciudadana elegible conforme a las regulaciones del Título IV



Estar matriculado en un programa autorizado y estudiando para obtener su primer título de licenciatura o una maestría



Firmar un acuerdo para continuar trabajando como educador o proveedor después de obtener el título académico

# Completar la FAFSA o su equivalente

Federal Student Aid

FAFSA® Form ▾

Grants and Loans ▾

Loan Repayment ▾

Loan Forgiveness ▾



Log In | Create Account

## 2026–27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Start a 2026–27  
FAFSA® Form

Start New Form

Edit a 2026–27  
FAFSA® Form

Edit Existing Forms

Accept an Invitation for a  
2026–27 FAFSA® Form

Accept an Invitation



# Acceder a la plataforma MASSAid



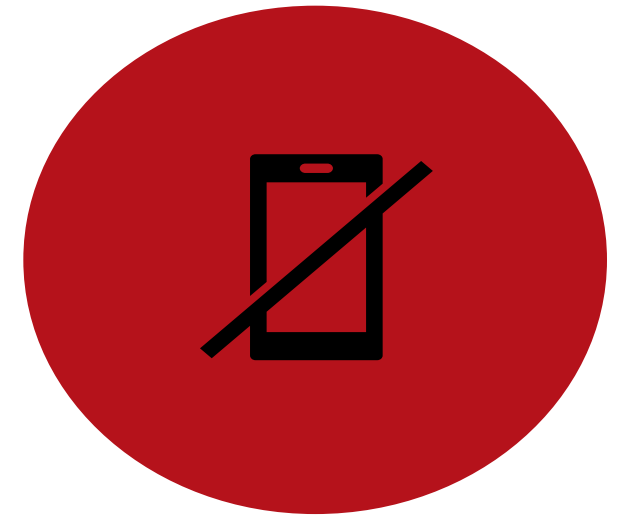
Browse with Microsoft Edge



Windows

Microsoft Edge is the best browser for Windows

[Download for Windows](#)



# Crear una cuenta o registrarse en MASSAid



Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Log In

User Name

[Forgot your User Name, click here](#)

If this is your first time accessing the Student Portal, [click here to create an account.](#)

Log In



[MASS OSFA](#) | [Site Policies](#) | [Accessibility Statement](#)

Connect with @MASSDHE



# Realizar la solicitud de la beca ECE



Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

My Home

My MASSGrant

My Forms

Grant/Scholarship  
Online Applications

Email OSFA

Account Management

College Cost and  
Financial Aid Eligibility  
Information

Logout

## College Cost and Financial Aid Eligibility Information



[Click Here](#) to learn more about college costs and state financial aid programs you may qualify for to reduce those costs.

- View and compare the cost of the Massachusetts colleges you included on your FAFSA application.
- View your "expected family contribution" (EFC) - the amount the federal government estimates you and your family will need to pay towards the cost of college.
- View federal and state financial aid that you may be eligible for and update your eligibility by providing additional information.

Welcome

My MASSGrant

# Realizar la solicitud de la beca ECE: paso siguiente



Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
Office of Student Financial Assistance

**Grant/Scholarship Online Applications**

The following grant/scholarship aid programs can assist you in financing your higher education:

**Grants**

2024-2025 Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant

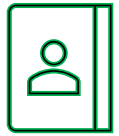
**Scholarships**

2024-2025 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

In order to complete the online application process you must have access to a printer and ADOBE Acrobat Reader in order to view and print your application.



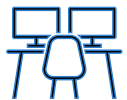
# Secciones de la solicitud



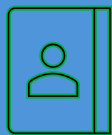
- Información del estudiante
  - ✓ Nombre, información de contacto, datos demográficos



- Información de la solicitud
  - ✓ Información relacionada con su programa académico



- Información del empleador
  - ✓ Experiencia laboral



# Información del estudiante

**Address**

FIELDS PRE-POPULATE WITH

**City**

STUDENT INFO (FAFSA)

**State**

Massachusetts ▾

**Zip Code**

 - 

**Phone Number**

**Email Address**

MAKE SURE THIS IS UP TO DATE

**Gender**

 ▾

**Ethnicity**

 ▾

*Data collected is for demographic purposes and will only be used consistent with state and federal law.*



# Información de la solicitud

## Application Information

Deben coincidir

<b>Institution</b> <i>(required)</i>	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY	Only institutions eligible to participate in the program are listed.	
<b>Enrolled As</b> 		<b>Graduate Student</b>	No
<b>Major</b>		<b>Expected Degree Month</b>	
<b>Expected Degree Year</b>		<b>Grade Level</b>	Second Year (Sophomore)
<b>Prior Bachelors Degree</b>	No	<b>Degree Pursuing</b>	Certificate/Diploma-At Least 2
<b>Fall Anticipated Credits</b>		<b>Spring Anticipated</b>	
<b>Summer 1 Anticipated Credits</b>		<b>Summer 2 Anticipated Credits</b>	

Completado automáticamente

Completado automáticamente

Completado automáticamente

Completado automáticamente



# Información de la solicitud

## I am applying as: (you must select one)

- Employed:** by selecting employed, I certify that I am currently employed at a licensed or authorized EEC program.

**Or,**

- Prospective Student:** by selecting prospective student, I certify that I am **unemployed or not employed as an early education and care provider at a facility or program, licensed/authorized by the Department of Early Education and Care, but plan to enroll in an approved course of study as defined in the eligibility requirements of the ECE Scholarship.**

And as such, I understand that:

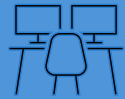
If selected as a recipient of the ECE scholarship, I must:

Demonstrate that **I am seeking employment with an early education and care provider in the commonwealth;**

And,

have agreed to enroll in a degree or certificate program in the early education and care field in the commonwealth; provided, however, that recipients of the scholarship program shall commit to providing early education and care in the commonwealth for a term of service to be determined by the board in consultation with the board of early education and care.

- I understand that I can only apply as a prospective student **once**, and that I must obtain eligible employment the following application cycle to meet eligibility guidelines for the ECE Scholarship Program.



# Información del empleador

## Employer Information

### CURRENT EMPLOYER

Current Employer Name

The EEC Program Number can be found in the LEAD portal under "Provider Number" OR on your program's EEC license as the FIRST number listed a P-XXXX

P-  Program Number

El número del programa de EEC está asociado al programa donde usted trabaja.

Current Employer Address



Current Position/Title

Current Employer City

Start Date (mm/dd/ccyy)

Current Employer State

PQ Registry Number

 DEEC

El PQR de inicio de sesión única (Single Sign-On) de EEC debe estar "activo".

# Número del programa y número de PQR

Puede encontrar el número del registro de calificación profesional (PQR, por sus siglas en inglés) en su cuenta de [inicio de sesión única de EEC](#) o en su Certificado de PQR.

Puede encontrar el **número del programa de EEC** en el portal LEAD bajo “Provider Number” (Número del proveedor) o en la licencia del EEC de su programa. Este corresponde al PRIMER número que aparece: P-12345.

WELCOME SARAH (21374)

MASSACHUSETTS Department of Early Education and Care Professional Qualifications Registry

Help • My EEC Apps • Log Out

PERSONAL INFO EDUCATION WORK EXPERIENCE SUMMARY MY REGISTRATION MY PROGRAMS

Sian, Sarah (21374)  
Registration Status: Active Registration Date: 3/23/2026 Renewal Date: 3/23/2027

My Registration Print Registration Confirmation

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE  
Governor Maureen T. Healey

First Professional License to Operate a Large Group and School Age Child Care Program

Program Number: P-12345 License Number: [REDACTED]

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 15D of the General laws, and regulations established by the Department of Early Education and Care, a license is hereby granted to:

MASSACHUSETTS Department of Early Education and Care Amy Kershaw, Commissioner

Early Education and Care  
Professional Qualifications Registration Confirmation

Registrant Information: Registration Number (Status):  
21374 (Active)

Registration Date: March 23, 2026 Renewal Date: March 23, 2027



# Información del empleador

**Current  
Employer Zip**

 - 

**Program Phone  
Number**

**Average Hours  
Worked Per  
Week**

**Average Hours  
Program  
Operates Per  
Week**

**Supervisor Last  
Name**

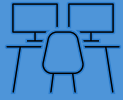
**Supervisor First  
Name**

**Supervisor  
Phone Number**

**Supervisor Email  
Address**

**Supervisor Title**

Los propietarios de programas de cuidado infantil familiar y de programas basados en centros pueden incluir su propia información en los campos correspondientes al supervisor.



# Información del empleador anterior

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYER 1

Name

Position/Title

Address

Start Date  
(mm/dd/ccyy)

City

End Date  
(mm/dd/ccyy)

State

Supervisor Last  
Name

Zip

 - 

Supervisor First  
Name

Program Phone  
Number

Supervisor  
Phone Number

Supervisor Email  
Address

# Términos y condiciones

## Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- I understand that the ECE Scholarship **DOES NOT** include any part of a public school system. Subsequently positions/and or employment within a public school are **NOT** eligible. (ex. Paraprofessionals, teachers, guidance counselor, etc.) The Massachusetts public school system falls under the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**, not EEC.

**Licensed or Authorized Employer:**

All eligible programs must have a Program Number issued by the Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC) and have an active account in LEAD. Such programs have been authorized to operate direct care to children in the following settings:

- Family child care
- Group and school-aged center based care
- Out-of-School Time
- Residential and Placement programs

Family Child Care Systems that have contracts with EEC to provide financially subsidized care to children are also eligible employers.

**I understand that an eligible position is defined as:**

Those that provide direct care to children, such as:

- Family Child Care (FCC) owners/educators
- FCC assistants
- Assistant teachers
- Teachers
- Lead teachers
- Directors
- Group leaders
- Site coordinators
- Residential and placement care providers

This also includes specific positions within Family Child Care Systems that have contract agreements with EEC, such as home visitors, mentors, coaches, and educational leaders.

*(Early education and care includes formal programs for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children during out-of-school time, and residential and placement programs.)*

# Compromiso de servicio

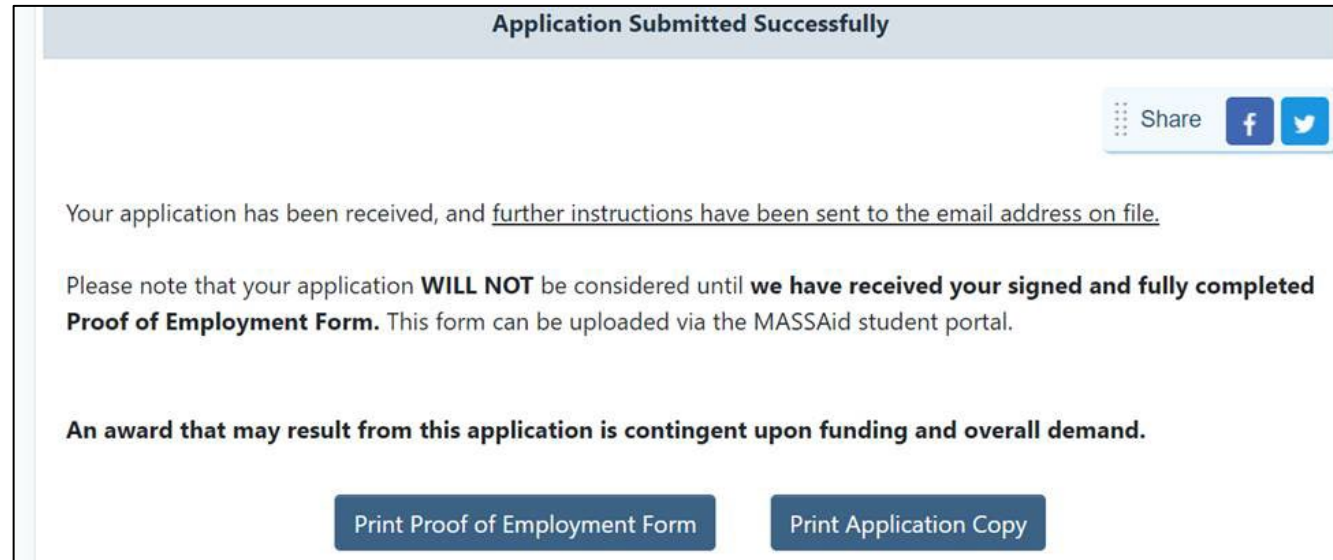
Marque la casilla para aceptar el Compromiso de servicio.  
Asegúrese de guardar y enviar su solicitud.

## Service Commitment Agreement

- I understand that although there are no procedures for repayment if a student fails to complete the above commitments, that as a recipient of the ECE Scholarship there is an expectation that students will continue to be employed in the Early Childhood Education field as an educator or provider in Massachusetts for six months per semester of scholarship receipt, not to exceed a two year maximum commitment upon graduation from an associate's degree program and a four year maximum commitment upon graduation from a bachelor's degree program.
- I understand that employment in a MA public school system does not fulfill the service obligation for the ECE Scholarship.
- I have read the terms and conditions and understand the above defined eligible employers and positions.

In the event that the fiscal year appropriation is not sufficient to permit a full award to each eligible student, priority consideration will be given to eligible applicants recommended by an individual qualified to speak to their commitment and dedication to the field of early education and care; or members of a socially or economically disadvantaged community as defined by the Department in consultation with the Department of Early Education and Care.

# Imprimir el comprobante de empleo (POE)



Imprima el PDF para obtener la firma del supervisor

# Subir el comprobante de empleo (POE)

## ANTES

### Upload Proof of Employment

Please upload your completed Proof of Employment form. The Department of Early Education and Care reserves the right to verify the applicant's employment information. Submitting false or misleading information could result in the denial of this or future awards.

Please upload 2027 Proof of Employment  No file chosen

Valid file types: PDF, JPG, GIF, TIF and PNG  
Multiple pages must be saved as a single document before being uploaded

## DESPUÉS

### Upload Proof of Employment

Please upload your completed Proof of Employment form. The Department of Early Education and Care reserves the right to verify the applicant's employment information. Submitting false or misleading information could result in the denial of this or future awards.

Please upload 2027 Proof of Employment  No file chosen

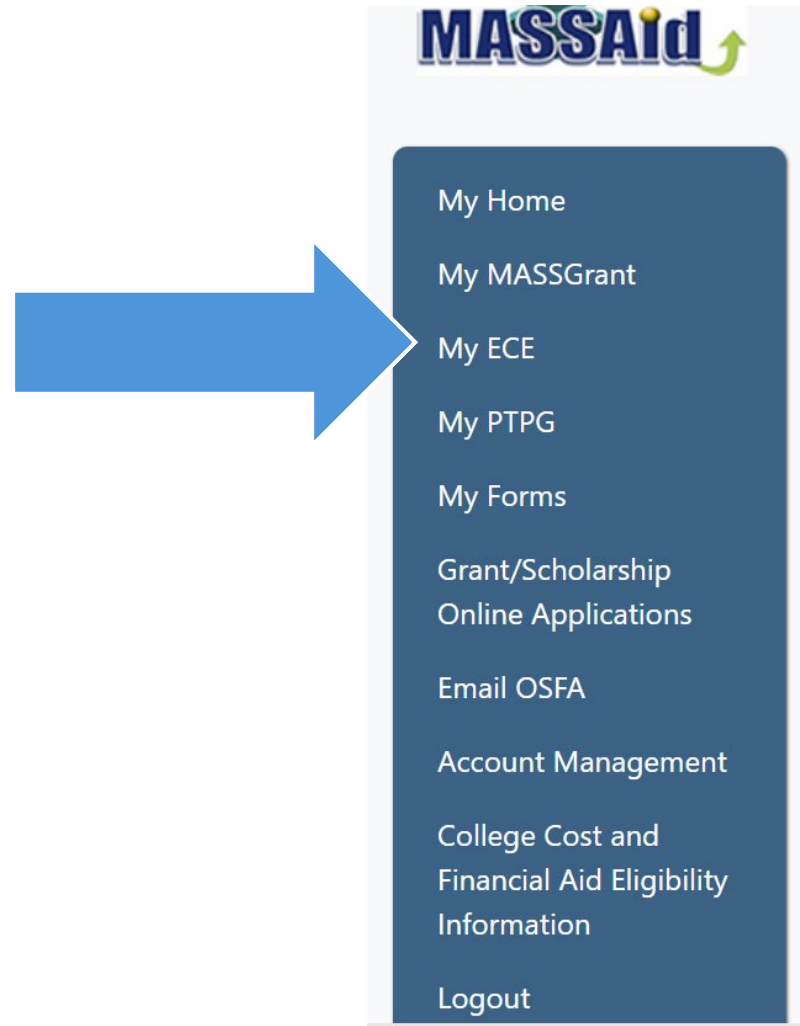
Valid file types: PDF, JPG, GIF, TIF and PNG  
Multiple pages must be saved as a single document before being uploaded

**Your Proof of Employment Form has been successfully uploaded.**

**Please allow at least 48-72 hours for documentation to be reviewed and your account to be updated by an OSFA administrator. If you have uploaded your documentation, you **DO NOT** need to fax and/or mail to OSFA.**

**To view your uploaded form, please click on the tab labeled "My Forms" on the left-hand side.**

# Regresar a la página de solicitud



# Ver el estado de la solicitud

## Antes de subir el POE

### My Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

#### Cumulative Program Summary

Total Funds Received: \$0.00

2026-2027 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship award information displayed is subject to change, pending a final Fiscal Year 2027 Massachusetts State budget.

#### Academic Year 2026-2027

##### Application Status: Ineligible

Please click each of the ineligible reason(s) listed below for more information on how to correct them.

- No Proof of Employment on File

All awards are subject to certification by the institution.

[Click here to update 2026-2027 application information](#)

CURRENT INSTITUTION: CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FALL ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 10  
SPRING ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 11  
SUMMER 1 ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 8  
SUMMER 2 ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 6

Re-Print Application

Re-Print Proof Of Employment

Upload Proof of Employment

## Después de subir el POE

### My Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

#### Cumulative Program Summary

Total Funds Received: \$0.00

2026-2027 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship award information displayed is subject to change, pending a final Fiscal Year 2027 Massachusetts State budget.

#### Academic Year 2026-2027

##### Application Status: Ineligible

Please click each of the ineligible reason(s) listed below for more information on how to correct them.

- Pending Review of Proof of Employment Form

All awards are subject to certification by the institution.

[Click here to update 2026-2027 application information](#)

CURRENT INSTITUTION: CAPE COD CO...  
FALL ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 10  
SPRING ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 11  
SUMMER 1 ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 8  
SUMMER 2 ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 6

Re-Print Application

Re-Print Proof Of Employment

Upload Proof of Employment

Actualizar la información de la solicitud

# Actualizar la solicitud

Cambie el nombre de la escuela

1. Seleccione la escuela NUEVA

## Update ECE Application Information

Academic Year 2026-2027

Current Institution

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Transfer Term

Fall

You have selected the Fall term which will process a transfer for the following term(s): Fall, Spring, Summer/Summer1, Summer2. If you are not attending this institution in the subsequent term(s), please process another transfer once this term is complete.

Fall Anticipated Credits

10

Spring Anticipated Credits

11

Summer/Summer 1 Anticipated Credits

8

Summer 2 Anticipated Credits

6

Update

Cancel

Actualice sus créditos

2. Seleccione el período académico en el que comenzará en la nueva institución.

# Siguientes pasos

- Revise su correo electrónico con regularidad. Toda la información y las notificaciones se enviarán por ese medio. **Lea cuidadosamente todos los mensajes recibidos.**
- Espere un tiempo para que el DHE y el EEC completen el proceso de revisión (de 3 a 4 semanas).
- Si recibe un correo electrónico indicando que es “no es elegible”, dispondrá de 20 días para corregir la causa de la inelegibilidad. Las instrucciones estarán incluidas en el mensaje.
- El monto de la beca permanecerá como “pendiente” hasta que su escuela “certifique” que usted está inscrito y asistiendo a clases. Generalmente, esto ocurre al finalizar el período durante el cual los estudiantes pueden agregar o retirar cursos (*add/drop period*).

# Recursos

- ❑ Departamento de Cuidado y Educación Temprana (EEC) [Información de la beca](#)
- ❑ Oficina de Asistencia Financiera para Estudiantes de Massachusetts (OSFA) [Información de la beca](#)