

Early Childhood Education Degree Scholarships

GO TO: <https://teachearlychildhood.org/scholarships/>

You will find potentially hundreds or thousands of early childhood education degree scholarships. Some of these scholarships will be dedicated to ECE specifically; whereas, others will be dedicated to future teachers in general. Be sure to look at all scholarships for education majors no matter whether the scholarship is for college and university expenses, licensures, or for conferences. Every scholarship will help provide you with a brighter future and to help you become a better teacher.

- [Inspire Our Future Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$500

Deadline: April 01

The Inspire Our Future Scholarship is provided by Teacher.org. This organization advocates for prospective teachers and other education positions. Some of the majors of people who qualify for the \$500 scholarship include early childhood education, child development, special education, and a general degree in education. You can be in pursuit of a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or a doctoral degree. Applicants must be at least 18, a legal US resident, and hold a minimum 3.5 GPA. US territories and Puerto Rico residents do not qualify. The same is true of any person, family member, or persons with the same residence of any Teacher.org employee or those with any affiliation to the organization.

- [American Montessori Society Teacher Education Scholarships](#)

Amount: Varies (Average of \$3,000)

Deadline: Spring

The American Montessori Society (AMS) recently provided \$70,000+ in scholarships to roughly 24 aspiring teachers, many of whom are early childhood education majors. The AMS consists of a wide variety of teachers, families, friends, schools, and teacher education programs working to make education stronger and more effective throughout the world. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in affiliated teacher education programs of AMS. You might also already be accepted or about to be accepted to an approved program. You will be required to submit your need for financial assistance, your acceptance letter, and three letters of recommendation. The final recipients will be chosen by an unbiased committee.

- [Bright Futures Scholarship for Early Childhood Teachers](#)

Amount: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: June 09

Bright Futures Scholarship for Early Childhood Teachers provides several scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for prospective ECE teachers. The organization is dedicated to providing a better start to all children and they believe that starts with the teachers of young children. You have to be enrolled full-time into an accredited program to apply. Eligible applicants must have experience working with children younger than the age of six for at least nine months, proven excellence in major coursework, and a minimum GPA of 3.0. Qualified applicants must also have at least 15 completed credits in an associate degree program, 30 completed credits in a bachelor's degree program, or acceptance into a master's degree program when the application is submitted.

- [Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation](#)

Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: Varies

The scholarships available from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation are available through three programs that are nationally recognized. Out of the nearly 96,000 applicants, only 150 will receive a scholarship from the annual endowment. Applicants should demonstrate their ability to serve and lead their communities as well as a commitment to impacting communities and schools in a positive manner today, tomorrow, and well into the future. Eligible applicants must be students graduating from high school, a home-schooled program, or attending specific DoD schools. These students must be in pursuit of a degree at a US accredited higher learning institution. If you are the child or grandchild of an employee of any Coca-Cola division, you are not eligible. The same is true of those already graduated from high school, temporary residents, or international students outside of the approved DoD schools.

- [Gates Millennium Scholars Program](#)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Varies

The goal of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program is to provide support to all American citizens. The program is designed to create an equal playing field to those typically underserved in higher learning institutions, such as outstanding students who are African Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Islander Americans, and Hispanic Americans. One thousand students will be awarded each year by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Applicants in pursuit of an undergraduate degree can pursue these scholarships. If you are pursuing a few specific areas, including education, you can also apply for funding for a graduate degree.

- [Applegate-Jackson-Parks Future Teacher Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 31

Applegate-Jackson-Parks Future Teacher Scholarship dedicates \$1,000 to one student who exemplifies the superior principles and high professional standards similar to those for whom the scholarship was founded. Applicants can be undergraduate or graduate students of US higher learning institutions. Employees, officers, directors, and family members of the National Right to Work Committee, Members of the Selection Review Committee, and the National Institute for Labor Relations Research are not eligible to apply. You will be required to complete an essay, a transcript, and a formal application. Applicants will also be required to prove their understanding that you do not have to join a union and the dangers of teacher unions to the education system.

- **[AFT Robert G. Porter Scholars Program](#)**

Amount: \$8,000 (4, 4-year Awards); \$1,000 (10, 1-time Awards)

Deadline: March 31

The AFT Robert G. Porter Scholars Program will provide four \$8,000 scholarships for 4 years to those applicants who are children or legal dependents of members of the AFT. An additional 10 members of AFT will receive \$1,000 grants to each to be used for continuing education or to strengthen their unions. Eligible students for the \$8,000 must be graduating high school seniors. A legal guardian or one parent must be an active member of the AFT. The children and dependents of union staff do not qualify for these scholarships. Recipients will be required to maintain a 2.75 GPA to continue receiving the renewal of the scholarship. To be awarded the scholarship, students must demonstrate involvement in the community and school activities, leadership, special skills, and work experience.

- **[Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program](#)**

Amount: Varies (55-70 Awardees/year)

Deadline: Last Tuesday in August

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to up to 70 recipients, and many scholarships are recurring. These scholarships are dedicated to teachers who wish to teach science, math, technology or engineering to students between the grades of kindergarten and year twelve. The program is designed to assist teachers in school districts that have a high demand for STEM teachers. Program recipients are required to work with various associations to help determine the best strategies and practices for selecting, attracting, and preparing new elementary and secondary teachers to be able to be effective as STEM teachers.

- **[Lasting Legacy Scholarships](#)**

Amount: Entrance into Conferences

Deadline: September 28

The annual Lasting Legacy Scholarship Awards are provided by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Applicants must be student members in the need of professional and skill development as an early childhood education professional. You will have to complete an application online and provide a letter of recommendation, a resume, and essays. You will have to demonstrate your accomplishments directly related to your work with children who are younger than eight. As a recipient, you will also be compensated for expenses related to the National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development the year in which you receive the award.

- **[Jack Kinnaman Memorial Scholarship](#)**

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: April 15

The National Education Association (NEA) sponsors the Jack Kinnaman Memorial Scholarship valued at \$2,500 to be awarded each year to a worthy recipient. Applicants must demonstrate their financial need and interest in becoming a dynamic educator. You must enroll in an accredited education degree program as a full-time student, maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, and provide a transcript, an essay, and letters of recommendation. All applicants must actively participate in student activities for the NEA.

- **[Teacher Education Assistance College and Higher Education \(TEACH\) Grant Program](#)**

Amount: Up to \$4,000

Deadline: October 31

Each state has their own program for a Teacher Education Assistance College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. To qualify, you must enroll in a TEACH grant program. The program requires that you complete specific types of classes to prevent the grant from converting into a loan as dictated by the US Department of Education in 2018. If you become a recipient, you will earn up to \$4,000 each year. You will be required to teach in a lower income area or an area in need. You can work at an elementary school, secondary school, or an agency serving families in need. And you must work in these areas for at least four years within eight years of degree completion.

- **[Jewish Community Centers of North America Graduate Education Scholarship Program](#)**

Amount: \$5,000/Semester (Max. \$20,000)

Deadline: June 1 (Fall and Spring Semesters); October 1 (Spring Semester Only)

Five students who are enrolled in a graduate degree program full-time will be eligible for the Jewish Community Centers of North America Graduate Education Scholarship Program. Each student will qualify for the semester-based \$5,000 scholarship. This award will either be dedicated for one to four semesters to each recipient. For those applying and pursuing a degree in education, you must be pursuing a master's degree in either health, physical education, or early childhood education. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be expected to participate in and complete a field placement position at a Jewish Community Center.