



**Durango Adult Education Center**  
*A Caring Learning Community*  
**Early Childhood Training Scholarship**

**Scholarship Application**  
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**2017-2018 Application for Scholarship Support**  
**ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home or Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you? (Please circle) Phone call   Text   Email

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time with employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Hourly pay rate or monthly salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does your employer offer financial support to take college classes? (Please circle)    Yes    or    No

If yes, what type of support is available (circle all that apply)?

Funding for TEACH scholarship      Release time from work      Other

(Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience in Early Childhood Education:**

Approximately how long have you worked in this field? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently working in ECE, what is your job title at work? \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Background:**

Did you earn (circle all that apply)    High School diploma    GED    College Degree    None

If you earned a college degree, what was your major and degree earned? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you earn your degree? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend college in the past that didn't result in graduation? (Please circle)    Yes    or    No

Please list all colleges you have attended \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently working on a college degree? If so, what is the program of study and what school are you attending?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an elementary teaching license? (Please circle)    Yes    or    No

**If you have ever attended college, please provide an unofficial transcript for all colleges attended to this application.**

Do you have a Child Development Associate (CDA)?    Yes    No

If yes, please provide a copy.

Have you completed the Expanding Quality/Infant Toddler 48 hour course?    Yes    No

If yes, please provide a copy of your certificate of completion. (Equates to ECE 111)

Have you completed the 48 Hour Pyramid Plus Training  
If yes, please attach a copy of your certificate of completion (48 Hours)    Yes    No

(Equates to "Guidance Strategies" for licensing – EC Teacher and Large Center Director)

**Education Plans:**

What is your planned education goal? Circle any that you would like to complete.

Licensed home care    CDA    Early Childhood Teacher Certificate  
Large or Small Center Director Qualification

Two year degree in ECE (AAS or AA degree)    BA Degree with or without ECE Teacher License

Will the completion of these college level courses result in a career advancement or promotion? Please explain.  
\_\_\_\_\_

I learn best with (Check all that apply):

- In-person college courses
- Online college courses with little oversight (I am very self-motivated)
- Online college courses with a virtual classroom setting with instructor oversight and support

I need assistance with (Check all that apply):

- Applying for college admission
- Registering for classes
- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Registering for the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Colorado Residency

If you are under 23 years of age, does at least one of your parents reside in CO? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are 23 or older, how long have you lived in CO? \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship Qualifications

- Applicant must qualify for Colorado in-state tuition
- Applicant must be a resident of Southwest Colorado for at least 1 year
- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF)
- Applicant must have experience in the early childhood field with a minimum of 2 days per week (minimum of 10 hours/week) experience for a minimum of 3 months.
- Applicants must have a follow up phone consultation with the Early Childhood Training Scholarship Career Advisor. During this consultation we will discuss your educational goals, which college will best suit you needs, what assistance you will need in order to register for classes and any other questions or concerns you may have about this process. **Please provide a day and time for a phone consultation** Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship disbursement and how funding is determined

Scholarship funding is given on a first come first served basis. Students will be considered for funding when the scholarship application and follow up consultation are complete. Additionally, the funders of this non-profit, the Buell Foundation, have requested that funding is awarded in the following order:

1. Those working to meet licensing requirements and/or credentials
2. Those pursuing associate's degrees
3. Those pursuing bachelor's degrees

Applicants must demonstrate financial need and exhaust other funding sources before becoming eligible for Buell Foundation funding (i.e. pell grants, employee sponsored educational assistance, TEACH scholarship, etc.). This scholarship may cover the cost of tuition, fees and books. This scholarship will provide supplemental funding for those pursuing a bachelor's degree but will not cover the full cost of attendance. Scholarship awards are based on what the student's academic goals are (licensing requirements, AA or BA), institutional cost of attendance and the cost of books.

## Mail completed applications, unofficial transcripts and other documentation to:

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**OR**

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