Eligibility
Scholarships are open to New Mexico early childhood educators, administrators, and program directors who:

• Have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED/HSE).
• Are enrolled in a qualifying New Mexico higher education institution working toward an early childhood degree or New Mexico Child Development Certificate.
• Work a minimum of 20 hours per week at a:
  - New Mexico licensed, or registered home child care program;
  - State-funded PreK or early PreK program in a community-based or public school setting;
  - Head Start or Early Head Start;
  - State-funded Home Visiting Program; or
  - Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program

How to Apply
• Fill out the application form online at ecedscholarship.org (English and Spanish).
• Once scholarship is awarded, begin work with an assigned coach.
• Remain eligible by meeting the requirements for grades, credit hours, and continued employment with an eligible early childhood program.
Available Scholarships

**Associate's Degree or Certificate Scholarship**

**SUPPORTS:**
- An Associate's degree (AA) in early childhood education or New Mexico Child Development Certificate (CDC)
- Home Visitors/FIT providers pursuing an AA in early childhood education, social work, counseling, or related field

**COVERS:**
- 100% of tuition
- 100% of books

**SPONSORING PROGRAM/EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Depending on the program's ability and the scholars' need, the program/school will work with the scholar to find a predetermined weekly release time to benefit both parties

**SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Travel expenses
- Minimum of six credit hours per school year
- C grade or higher in all classes

**Family Home Professional Scholarship**

**SUPPORTS:**
- Family/home child care professionals seeking
- The Child Development Certificate, or
- An Associate's or Bachelor's degree in early childhood education

**COVERS:**
- 100% of tuition
- 100% of books

**SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Travel expenses
- Minimum of six credit hours per school year
- C grade or higher in all classes

**Sponsoring Program/Employer Responsibility:**
- Depending on the program's ability and the scholars' need, the program/school will work with the scholar to find a predetermined weekly release time to benefit both parties.

**Scholar Responsibility:**
- Travel expenses
- Minimum of six credit hours per school year
- C grade or higher in all classes

**Bachelor's Degree Scholarship**

**SUPPORTS:**
- Child care and PreK professionals pursuing a Bachelor's degree (BA) in early childhood education, including PreK–12 Special Education licensure for PreK educators in public school settings
- Home Visitors/FIT providers pursuing a BA in early childhood education, social work, counseling, or related field

**COVERS:**
- 100% of tuition
- 50% of books

**SPONSORING PROGRAM/EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Depending on the program's ability and the scholars' need, the program/school will work with the scholar to find a predetermined weekly release time to benefit both parties.

**SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Travel expenses
- Minimum of six credit hours per school year
- C grade or higher in all classes

**Family Home Professional Scholarship**

**SUPPORTS:**
- Family/home child care professionals seeking
- The Child Development Certificate, or
- An Associate's or Bachelor's degree in early childhood education

**COVERS:**
- 100% of tuition
- 100% of books

**SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Travel expenses
- Minimum of six credit hours per school year
- C grade or higher in all classes

**SPONSORING PROGRAM/EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Depending on the program's ability and the scholars' need, the program/school will work with the scholar to find a predetermined weekly release time to benefit both parties.

**SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY:**
- Travel expenses
- Minimum of six credit hours per school year
- C grade or higher in all classes

**Master's Degree and Doctorate Scholarships**

Graduate-level scholarships may become available, depending upon funding.