

Early Childhood Scholarship Comparison

Kids Now Scholarship	ARPA Scholarship
Scholar must be working in a regulated childcare program at least 20 hours per week.	Scholar must be working in a regulated childcare program at least 20 hours per week
All scholars are required to complete the FAFSA.	All scholars are required to complete the FAFSA.
Scholars can complete an Associate or Bachelor level early childhood degree.	Scholars can complete an Associate or Bachelor level early childhood degree. Directors or administrators from regulated childcare or Head Start can complete a master's degree in early childhood.
Preschool Assistants in public school are eligible for the scholarship.	Preschool Assistants in public school are not eligible for the scholarship due to the federal funding for childcare only.
Head Start staff are not eligible for funding.	Head Start staff are eligible if they work in a program that is state licensed and their employer does not offer any tuition assistance
Limited to 9 credit hours per semester, if enrolled in more hours the scholarship could not be used	No limits on credit hours
\$1800 per year, tuition only	Up to \$6,305 for master's degree. (Approximate AAS tuition and fees per semester \$2280-\$3240)
Employer pays \$50 toward books	Employer pays \$50 toward books
Scholars are eligible for \$100 related expense stipend if all classes are completed with at least a grade of C.	Scholars are eligible for \$100 related expense stipend if all classes are completed with at least a grade of C.

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