

**164.518 Scholarships and awards for persons who are employed or provide training in child-care and early childhood settings.**

- (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create a seamless system to upgrade the professional development of persons who are employed or provide training in a child-care or early childhood setting through scholarships, merit awards, and monetary incentives, to assist these persons in obtaining a child development associate credential, post-secondary certificate, diploma, degree, or specialty credential in an area of study determined by the Early Childhood Advisory Council.
- (2) Eligibility for scholarship funds shall be for individuals who do not have access to professional development funds from other education programs that receive state or federal funds, and who are:
  - (a) Employed at least twenty (20) hours per week providing services in a child-care or early childhood setting; or
  - (b) Involved in providing professional development training for teachers in an early childhood setting.
- (3) The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, after consultation with the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, shall promulgate administrative regulations, including a system of monetary incentives for scholarship program participants for completing classes, in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A as necessary to implement this section.

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