

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
LEADERSHIP IN CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKET**

The Leadership in Child Care Scholarship provides financial assistance (tuition and selected fees) to qualified child care professionals working in legally operating child care facilities. The Scholarship is designed for the eligible recipient to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Short-Term Certificate, Certificate, Associate in Applied Science/Technology in Child Development/Early Care and Education, or a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education at a designated institution in the Alabama Community College System.

Eligibility Criteria – See *Leadership in Child Care (LICC) Scholarship Eligibility Requirements*.

Eligible Colleges and Universities – Recipients may participate in the Leadership in Child Care Scholarship Program at a designated institution in the Alabama Community College System currently offering a Child Development, Early Care and Education, or Early Childhood Program. (See *list of ACCS institutions currently offering a Child Development, Early Care and Education, or Early Childhood Education Program and participating in the Leadership in Child Care Scholarship Program*.)

Scholarship Awards – The amount of the Scholarship award is based on the number of semester credit hours in which the recipient enrolls. There is no minimum or maximum course load requirement. Scholarships are available at each participating institution for the fiscal year (October 1 – September 30) and will be awarded based on availability of funds. Scholarship funds are disbursed on a semester/term basis for reimbursement of tuition and selected fees in Child Development, Early Care and Education, or Early Childhood Education studies.

Application Process

- Applications for the Leadership in Child Care Scholarship are available through any participating Alabama Community College System institution, including Athens State University. Applications may also be obtained from the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and other Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) Quality Contract Agencies.
- Applicants must apply for college admission and are encouraged to apply for financial aid prior to submitting the Leadership in Child Care Scholarship application. The Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education must receive applications no later than **June 1st for Fall Semester** enrollment and **September 1st for Spring and Summer Semester** enrollment.
- Applicants must consult with the Child Development Program Coordinator at the Alabama Community College System institution where they will obtain their credential coursework, certificate and/or degree in Child Development, Early Care and Education, or Early Childhood Education.
- Applicants must fully complete their part of the application, and consult with and obtain the signature of their College Advisor/Child Development Program Coordinator prior to submitting the Scholarship application.
- The completed application and verifications of residency and employment in child care in Alabama must be forwarded directly to the Leadership in Child Care Scholarship Program at the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education for consideration.