



Early Learning Coalition of Orange County

Scholarship Grant Application

Please answer all questions completely.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name		First		Middle
Street Address			Home Phone ()	
City	State	Zip	Cell Phone ()	
Date of Birth		Social Security#		
Email Address:				

II. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Center Name	Position	Date Hired / /
Immediate Supervisor	Phone ()	

III. EDUCATION INFORMATION

School Level	Name and Location of School	Circle last grade completed	Did you graduate?	Degree or Diploma
High School		1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
College/University		1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

Select school of choice:

- Valencia Community College AA Program
- Seminole Community College AS Program
- CDA Program School of interest _____

IV. CANDIDATE ESSAY

Write a 600-750 word essay with a description of your educational & career goals, your extracurricular activities and any community service you have performed. Also, elaborate on the impact you believe education has had and will have on your life. Lastly, explain how the Early Education Studies will affect your future. Make sure to stay focused and on topic.

Applicant Signature: _____
(Please Print)

Date: _____

V. CANDIDATE AGREEMENT



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NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: This section of the application is to acknowledge and agree on all terms and conditions of the ELCOC scholarship grant. Please read carefully, initial each paragraph, and sign below.

Initial	I certify, that I am a Florida resident, at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, am employed by an Early Learning Coalition School Readiness funded program in Orange County, have worked for a minimum of one year with my current employer and have at least 3 years of documented experience working in the Early Childhood field. I have also completed the mandatory 40 hours training (or 30 hours for Family Child Care).
Initial	I understand that the scholarship grant is contingent upon funding resources available to the Coalition.
Initial	I understand that receipt of the AA/AS Scholarship Grant is contingent upon continuous employment with an Early Learning Coalition of Orange County School Readiness funded provider. I also understand that resigning from my current employer may jeopardize my scholarship grant.
Initial	I understand that I must be scheduled to work a minimum of 32 hrs per week with my current employer, and submit copies of my most recent pay stubs for verification of employment.
Initial	I understand that I must notify ELCOC in writing, of my desire to change employers prior to separation with the employer of record. (Leaving my employer could result in losing my scholarship.)
Initial	I understand that I have to be enrolled in at least one class per semester. I also understand that I must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 per semester. I further understand that it is my responsibility to submit my grades per semester to ELCOC.
Initial	I understand that if I fail or withdraw from any class/classes which have been paid through the ELCOC scholarship grant, it will be my responsibility to pay for the repeat class/classes and pass, including required textbooks and materials before any further scholarship funds are considered and/or awarded.
Initial	I will attend all scheduled events by ELCOC.
Initial	I understand that if requested information is not submitted or is false, the scholarship if awarded may be annulled.
Initial	I have complied with all requirements and confirm that all answers given to all questions on the application, and any required supporting documentation, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Initial	I authorize ELCOC to make inquiries as necessary to verify the accuracy of any or all the statements made on this application. I also authorize Early Learning Coalition of Orange County to make inquiries as necessary to verify attendance, performance, and progress in the education program.

By signing this Candidate Agreement, I am attesting that I will abide by the guidelines set forth in this Agreement and I agree to complete the requirements set forth by the College and ELCOC, with the express understanding that failure to do so will make the agreement null and void requiring all grant monies to be returned to **Early Learning Coalition of Orange County** ELCOC.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Grant Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age or older (must be able to provide proof of age. (E.g. Birth certificate, passport, driver license etc.)
- Must be able to provide at least two proofs of residency. (E.g. rental/lease agreement, mortgage document and or a utility, gas, or telephone bill that indicates that the billing is in your name and is being sent to your house.)
- Hold a high school diploma or GED (Copy of diploma or GED certificate required.)
- Be employed by an Early Learning Coalition funded facility. Have at least one year of documented experience working with current employer, in addition to working with young children as indicated by letter of employment.
- Family child care providers must be licensed by the Department of Children and Families for a minimum of two years. (A copy of license(s) is required)
- Completed DCF state mandated 40 hrs training or 30 hrs for Family Child Care, depending on program (must be able to provide certificates).
- Have a minimum of three years of experience working with young children as indicated by letters of verification or copy of resume
- Submit three letters of recommendation: two professional references to include current employer and one personal. These letters should elaborate (in more than one sentence) on your work ethic, work history, and provide an organized analysis of your attributes and abilities.
- Submit a 600 – 750 word essay. The essay must be double spaced and typed. (*The essay should describe your educational & career goals, your extracurricular activities and any community service you have performed. Also, elaborate on the impact you believe education has had and will have on your life. Lastly, explain how the Early Education Studies will affect your future. Make sure to stay focused and on topic.*)