



Early Childhood Education Scholarships

ECACE

If you work or have worked in early childhood education and you're seeking additional credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education, you may be eligible for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program. The program was created to address the shortage of qualified early childhood educators by encouraging the pursuit of credentials and advancement of already-held degrees in early childhood education, with an aim toward building a strong, well-prepared workforce. I strongly recommend you consider applying for this opportunity! Visit <https://www.isac.org/ECACEScholarship> to learn more.

Higher Ed Navigators

Have you thought about going back to school to earn a credential, associate's degree, and/or bachelor's degree, but you're not sure where to start or how to get support? Join the hundreds of workforce members who have enrolled at Illinois colleges and universities through the ECACE Initiative!

Visit <https://www.ecace.org/Higher-Education-Navigators> to connect with a local ECACE Higher Education Navigator, who can help you find and enroll in the right degree or credential program to meet your needs and provide more information about scholarships and other available supports.

All ISAC Scholarships

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) administers scholarship and grant programs that can provide financial assistance to help students pay for college. Students can learn more about the financial aid process and available programs at isac.org. Help and information are also available from ISAC's Call Center. Students can reach a Call Center Representative via e-mail at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov or by telephone at 800.899.ISAC (4722).



Teacher Preparation Scholarships

The Gateways Scholarship Program pays a portion of tuition for eligible professionals who want to earn college credit, credentials, or degrees in early childhood education. Learn more at <https://www.ilgateways.com/index.php/financial-opportunities/scholarship>

Grow Your Own Teachers supports individuals who are committed to classroom teaching in or near their home communities. They offer a full range of tools to teacher candidates, including financial and academic assistance, social-emotional support, and culturally sustaining instructional strategies, so they can graduate with a teaching license. Learn more at <https://growyourownteachers.org>

Teachers of Illinois Scholarship aims to aid to those who commit to teach in underserved school districts in the state of Illinois. Funds for this program may be used to pay up to the total cost of attendance. This scholarship may be received for a maximum equivalent of four academic years (eight semesters if 12 quarters) of full-time enrollment. As part of the application process, you must agree to the terms and conditions that are outlined in the application's Teaching Agreement/Promissory Note. By receiving this scholarship, you must teach in Illinois. If this teaching commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship turns to a loan, and you must repay the entire amount plus interest. Learn more at <https://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/TISP.html>

Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois recruits and prepares bright and talented Illinois high school graduates and first and second-year college students for successful teaching careers. They provide scholarships to students pursuing teaching degrees who sign a commitment to teach on a full-time basis for five years at a high need school in Illinois. Golden Apple Scholars receive mentoring support from outstanding, award-winning teachers who are part of the Golden Apple network. Learn more at <https://www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/golden-apple-scholars-of-illinois-program/golden-apple-scholars-overview.html>

These are a just few examples of scholarships of interest to students in the College of Education. Financial Aid can also provide more information about Scholarship Opportunities available to NEIU students.

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