



# Pathway Advancement Scholarship

**Earn Your Degree**  
*Increase your earnings*

*Awarded Based on  
Funding Availability*

**Earn your Associate or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.** This is a scholarship opportunity available to child care providers and directors working in a licensed child care center, licensed child care facility, or registered family child care home.



**Tuition: Pays 100%  
tuition for up to 2  
classes per semester**

**Stipend: \$200 for  
education related  
expenses**

**Bonus: \$300 one-time  
bonus upon  
completion of degree**

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**[www.wvstars.org](http://www.wvstars.org)**

# Pathway Advancement Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

Please note you must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible to receive the Pathway Advancement Scholarship:

- West Virginia Resident
- Employed as a child care provider or director, at least 20 hours per week, in a licensed child care center, licensed child care facility, or registered family child care home
- Has an active Career Pathway Credential
- Accepted, or enrolled in, an undergraduate degree program (full or part-time) in Early Child Education\* at a participating WV community and technical college or university
- Willing to continue employment in the field of early care and education while pursuing an Early Childhood Education degree, and for at least one year after earning degree

\* Supported AA/AAS/BA/BS/RBA degrees include: Child Development; Child Development & Family Studies; Early Childhood; Early Childhood Development; Early Childhood Education; and Early Childhood Special Education.

## Application Process

1. Visit [wvstars.org](http://wvstars.org) for information on application periods and to access a scholarship application.
2. Complete an application for the semester for which you wish to apply.
3. Attach required documentation and submit application.
4. Receive an approval letter from our office.
5. Attend classes.
6. Submit grades to WV STARS Scholarship Specialist.
7. Reapply for the scholarship for upcoming semesters you wish to attend.

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