

When to Apply

A CDA can be earned in one of the following areas: Center Based Preschool, Center Based Infant Toddler and Family Child Care.

Direct Assessment applications are accepted on a quarterly basis. Complete packets are due to the CDA Council the month following our application deadlines.

Submit CDA scholarship application to WA Scholarships by:	Complete CDA Council Application materials sent to Council on:
December 1st	January 1st
March 1st	April 1st
June 1st	July 1st
September 1st	October 1st

CDA Council

Additional information about the CDA Credential and program requirements can be found at:

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“The WA Scholarships CDA Assessment scholarship supplements our training program to provide an avenue for us to maintain a high quality care and education environment and NAEYC accreditation.”

- Dr. Angela E. Laughlin
Jackson Park Child Development Center

Program Objective

Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals is a statewide program that provides scholarships for ECE course work and CDA assessment fees to licensed child care center staff and family child care providers.

WA Scholarships links compensation, education, and commitment to enhancing the quality of Family Child Care, Child Care Centers and After-School Programs.

Who is eligible?

Candidates for the CDA must meet the following:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a High School Diploma or equivalent
- Have 480 hours of experience working with young children (*within the past five years*)
- Have 120 hours of formal child care education and training in the CDA training content areas (*within the past five years*)
- Earn less than \$14.45 per hour while working in a licensed center
- Have been employed at your current program for a minimum of 3 months

What is a CDA Credential?

The CDA Credential is a nationally recognized credential awarded to individuals who have demonstrated competency through both experience and education in working with young children ages 0-5.

How do I earn the CDA Credential?

In order to receive the CDA Credential, an individual must meet the eligibility requirements and complete or facilitate the completion of the following:

- Professional resource file
- Parent opinion questionnaires
- Formal observation
- Oral interview and a written assessment



What will the CDA Credential Assessment Scholarship cover?

WA Scholarships covers the \$325 application fee required by the CDA Council. Scholarship recipients are expected to contribute 10% of this fee.

What kind of commitment is required of recipients of the CDA Assessment Scholarship?

Scholarship recipients are asked to remain with their sponsoring programs for 6 months after the CDA Credential has been received.

What kind of commitment is required of the Sponsoring Child Care Program?

The center is required to pay 15% of the assessment fee. Also, centers agree to allow teachers to be formally observed in the classroom by a representative from the Council.

Will I be compensated for earning the CDA Credential?

Yes, WA Scholars are awarded a \$150 bonus upon the successful completion of their CDA Credential. We will award your bonus once a copy of the CDA Credential has been received by our office.

“Finding someone who believes in you makes all the difference in the world. The scholarship program is both supportive and encouraging to professional development. It has contributed to my excitement for learning new things.”

- Cate Buck

Kids World Childcare Center II