**WVC Early Childhood Education Scholarship Program**

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 WVC Early Childhood Education Scholarship Program.

**Scholarship Criteria**

* This scholarship is a last dollar scholarship and will only pay **after** all other aid, scholarships, and agencies have paid. It will pay right before ECACE Scholarship pays, if applicable.
* All funds will be split between the Fall and Spring semesters of the awarding year and will be paid directly to the College to be placed in the student’s account to use for educational purposes. No monies will be given directly to the student.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible, student must:

1. be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen
2. be a member of the incumbent workforce, currently working or having worked in the early childhood field (in either a licensed or license-exempt facility), including home-based child care (e.g., family, friend, neighbor), center-/community-based child care, Preschool for All programs, school-based preschool settings, and Head Start programs, that serve children from birth to age five. Acceptable positions include teachers, assistant teachers, directors, family child care providers and assistants.
3. must provide documentation confirming their current membership in the Gateways to Opportunity Registry.
4. be enrolled or accepted for enrollment on a full- or part-time (at least 6 credit hours) basis at WVC in the Early Childhood Education Program\* pursuing an early childhood education credential.
5. maintain satisfactory academic progress as established by your college
6. be certified as meeting eligibility requirements by the college.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student ID or SS Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*NOTE: DO NOT EMAIL IF YOU PROVIDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**

**PLEASE MAIL, RETURN IN PERSON, OR FAX: 618.262.8647, ATTN: FINANCIAL AID\*\*\***

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**Applicant Signature Date**

**Gateway Number**: N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Applicant Program Early Childhood Education AAS Degree (Gateways Level 4)

 Early Childhood Education Level 3 Certificate (Gateways Level 3)

 Early Childhood Education Level 2 Certificate (Gateways Level 2)

Applications can be returned via email, postal mail, or in person at the Financial Aid office.

All completed applications must be **received** in WVC’s Financial Aid Office by **March 31, 2023**.

To return by email, please send to:

wvcfa@iecc.edu. **Please use Subject Line**: WVC Early Childhood Education Scholarship

To return by postal mail, please send to:

**Wabash Valley College, ATTN: Trina Dunkel, 2200 College Dr., Mt. Carmel, IL 62863**