



**STUDENT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT)
ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**

Please read and initial next to each statement before completing application.

Scholarship Funding Requirements

- I have been a resident of SW Colorado for a minimum of one year (includes Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties).
- I have experience in the early childhood field with a minimum of 2 days per week (minimum of 10 hours/week) experience for a minimum of 3 months.
- I qualify for in-state tuition and will sign up for the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF). This can be completed here <http://highered.colorado.gov/finance/cof/>
- I will apply for Federal Financial Aid annually (requirement waived if applicant has earned a BA/BS degree already). The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you need assistance, please ask the Project Administrator (Sierra Di Marco) or contact the college.
- I understand that I must demonstrate financial need and exhaust other funding sources before becoming eligible for Temple Hoyne Buell funding (i.e. pell grants, employee sponsored educational assistance, TEACH scholarship, etc.).
- I will provide the Project Administrator with unofficial transcripts of all college level course work completed at the time of application and a grade report at the end of each semester when classes are completed.
- I must satisfactorily complete all course work at the “C” or better level or I am obligated to reimburse amounts paid by grant funding within 3 months of the receipt of the grade.
- I may be asked to apply for funding consideration annually.
- I must sign a *Consent and Permission to Release Information Form* found on page 4.
- I understand that due to the rising cost of tuition for online college courses, if a course is being offered “in person” at my local college, I will enroll in that class first unless I meet one of the following exceptions defined below.

Exceptions

If the applicant cannot attend “in person” college courses due to extenuating circumstances, they may request an exception and the scholarship will cover online college courses. These circumstances may consist of but are not limited to:

- Living more than 15 miles from the college
- Family obligations (picking children up from school, caregiving for siblings/parents/grandparents, etc.)
- Class times conflict with work schedule
- Course is only offered online
- Other, please give a short explanation in the box below

Application for Scholarship Support

Early Childhood Professional Training Project

Criteria are subject to change in subsequent years. All information is confidential and stored in a locked cabinet. Funding may not be available after Summer 2017.

Today's Date _____

Name: _____

Birth date ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (Home or Cell) _____

Work phone: _____

Email address: _____

What is the best way to contact you? (Please circle) Phone call Text Email

Employer: _____

Address of Employer: _____

Name of Employer contact: _____

Length of time with employer: _____

Does your employer offer financial support to take college classes? (Please circle) Yes or No

If yes, what type of support is available (circle all that apply)?

Funding TEACH scholarship Release time from work

Other (please explain) _____

Experience in Early Childhood Education:

Approximately how long have you worked in this field? _____

If you are currently working in ECE, what is your job title at work? _____

Where have you worked with young children? (Name of childcare center and state) _____

Education Background:

Did you earn (circle all that apply) High School diploma GED College Degree None

If you earned a college degree, what was your major and degree earned? _____

Where did you earn your degree? _____

Do you have an elementary teaching license? (Please circle) Yes or No

Did you attend college in the past that didn't result in graduation? (Please circle) Yes or No

Please list all colleges you have attended _____

Are you currently working on a college degree? If so, what is the program of study and what school are you attending?

If you have ever attended college, please provide an unofficial transcript for all colleges attended to this application.

Do you have a Child Development Associate (CDA)? Yes No
If yes, please provide a copy.

Have you completed the Expanding Quality/Infant Toddler 48 hour course? Yes No
If yes, please provide a copy of your certificate of completion. (Equates to ECE 111)

Have you completed the 48 Hour Pyramid Plus Training
If yes, please attach a copy of your certificate of completion (48 Hours) Yes No
(Equates to "Guidance Strategies" for licensing – EC Teacher and Large Center Director)

Education Plans:

What is your planned education goal? Circle any that you would like to complete.

- Licensed home care CDA Early Childhood Teacher status (formerly Group Leader)
Large or Small Center Director Qualification
Two year degree in ECE (AAS or AA degree) BA Degree with or without ECE Teacher License

Colorado Residency

If you are under 23 years of age, does at least one of your parents reside in CO? _____
If yes, for how long? _____

If you are 23 or older, how long have you lived in CO? _____

Please write a short statement describing your commitment to working in early care and education. You may also provide any additional information that you think we should know in order to consider your request for funding support in early childhood education.



Early Childhood Professional
Training Project
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Supporting the positive development of young children in Colorado.

Scholarship Application
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Email: SierraD@tchs4c.org

CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Date: _____

To: Whom it may concern

Client (your) Name: _____

Re: Release of client information pertaining to education/training

By signing below, I authorize Sierra Di Marco, Project Administrator to:

Discuss my education/training needs and goals with my supervisor. And, I agree that my supervisor may provide forwarding phone and address info if I leave their employment.

This release is in effect only for Sierra Di Marco and for the purpose(s) as stated.

- Employment supervisors are authorized to discuss education/training needs and goals with Sierra Di Marco and to provide new contact info if necessary and known.
- I understand that the funder of the Project requires follow up info about project participants and I agree to provide requested information (classes taken, grants awarded, employment status, etc) as requested.

The purpose of this release is to facilitate the guidance and direction of my professional goals and to insure Project reports can be completed as required by the funder – Buell Foundation (not to include personal info).

This release is valid from the date signed to the end of the Project.

Student Signature

Student ID NO.

Date

Mail completed applications and/or unofficial transcripts or other documentation to:

Sierra Di Marco
PO Box 259
Durango, CO 81301

OR

Take a clear photo on your smartphone and text application to (970)259-2094

OR

Scan and email to sierrad@tchs4c.org

OR

Fax to 970-247-5979, attn: Sierra Di Marco

Application Check List

- Read and initialed each scholarship funding requirement
- Completed application
- Attached college transcripts
- Completed the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF)
- Completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Early Childhood Professional Training Project?

The Early Childhood Professional Training Project a non-profit that gives assistance to professionals in the Early Childhood Education field who want to further their educations or meet state licensing requirements through professional development and college courses. We offer scholarships that cover tuition, fees and books.

What is instate tuition?

By law, an "in-state" student, or student's parents, must be domiciled in Colorado for 12 or more continuous months immediately preceding the first day of classes. State residents often qualify for lower in-state tuition rates and state education grants. If you want more information on in-state tuition please go here

<http://highered.colorado.gov/finance/residency/faq.html>

What is the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF)?

The Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF), created by the Colorado Legislature, provides a financial stipend to eligible undergraduate students. Eligible undergraduate students must apply, be admitted and enroll at a participating Colorado institution. For more information on COF and eligibility requirements, check out their website <http://highered.colorado.gov/finance/cof/>

What is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid. Financial aid is money to help pay for college or career school. *Please note that you should never pay to complete and submit your FAFSA. If you need assistance completing your FAFSA, please contact the Project Administrator, Sierra Di Marco and know we're here to help!* You should complete your FAFSA at the official website <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

For more information on FAFSA and financial aid please go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types>

What does it mean that I need to exhaust my other funding sources before I can become eligible for this scholarship?

After you have successfully completed your FAFSA, you may receive financial aid to cover partial or full cost of your tuition, books and fees. You may also qualify for employee sponsored educational assistance, TEACH scholarship or other scholarships. Depending on how much financial aid you receive, the Early Childhood Professional Training Project scholarship will cover the remaining balance of your tuition and fees.

Where do I get unofficial transcripts from?

You can get your unofficial transcripts from the institution you attended. Colleges often have a web portal or student account in which you can pull up your unofficial transcripts, print them and turn them in with your scholarship application. If you have a copy of your official transcripts you may scan and send a copy to the Project Administrator at SierraD@tchs4c.org.