ECACE scholarships are available for undergraduate education at participating Illinois colleges and universities and can cover up to the total cost of attendance after other financial aid received—costs such as tuition and fees, room and board, and books and supplies.

Scholarship eligibility criteria include:

- Currently working or having worked in positions such as teacher, assistant, or director in early childhood centers, schools, or homes; and membership in the Gateways to Opportunity® registry.
- Enrollment or acceptance for enrollment on a full- or part-time basis at a public or non-profit private 2- or 4-year ECACE-participating institution in Illinois, as an undergraduate student, pursuing an early childhood education major or postsecondary credential.

Learn more: For more information about eligibility, a list of participating institutions, and to apply, visit www.isac.org/ECACEscholarship

Scholarship funding is available for the current (2021-22) school year* for eligible applicants!

The priority consideration date for the 2021-22 ECACE Scholarship application is March 1, 2022. Applications received after that date will be given consideration if funding remains available after all timely, qualified applicants have been awarded.