

## About Education Awards

### Background

Through the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant, we may be able to offer you an education award for your education and early learning accomplishments. We offer education awards on a first-come, first-served basis while funding is available.

### Overview

When you first report your education to DEL, you may earn education awards for the following verified achievements:

- Highest level of education
- Up to four ECE (*early childhood education or early care and education*) majors
- Up to three ECE certificates and credentials

### A Note about Movement

After you receive an initial education award, you may earn additional awards for movement. Movement is defined as a degree or ECE accomplishment that you attain or complete *after* you first reported your education in MERIT and had it verified. In order to qualify as movement, newly obtained degrees must be higher than the previously verified degree; they may not be the same level of degree with a different major.

### Award Details

Here is the full list of available awards:

Degree Award—available for highest level of education		
	GED (General Educational Development)	\$50
	High school diploma	\$50
	Associate's degree	\$100
	Bachelor's degree	\$200
	Master's degree	\$300
	Doctoral degree	\$400
ECE Major Award—available for up to four verified ECE majors		
	Associate's degree with ECE major	\$100
	Bachelor's degree with ECE major	\$100
	Master's degree with ECE major	\$100
	Doctoral degree with ECE major	\$100
ECE Certificates & Credentials Award—available for up to three verified ECE certificates & credentials		
	Child Care Basics	\$50
	Washington State ECE Initial Certificate	\$50
	Washington State ECE Short Certificate of Specialization	\$50
	Washington State ECE Certificate	\$50
	Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential	\$50
	1 year ECE certificate/diploma (minimum of 45 credits)	\$50
	MACTE accredited teacher credential in infant/toddler (I/T)	\$50
	MACTE accredited teacher credential in ECE	\$50
	Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) diploma in assistants to infancy (A to I): covers birth–3 years of age	\$50
	Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) diploma in primary: covers 3–6 years of age	\$50
	13 Military Modules	\$50
	Other certificate equal to a minimum of 12 ECE credits	\$50