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Subscribers of Licensed family home child care providers (4702 recipients)



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Dear Early Learning Partner,

Over this past year, DEL has experienced a significant increase in the number of early learning professionals accessing scholarships and pursuing early learning degrees and certificates. This increase in scholarship demand has made it difficult for some professionals to access scholarships. To support this growth in interest, DEL has reallocated funding to support more early learning professionals seeking Early Childhood Education (ECE) certificates and degrees!

How will the additional scholarship funds be prioritized?

1. Family Child Care providers pursuing the Initial Certificate to complete their education requirement prior to March 31, 2017.
2. Current scholarship students continuing with their education after their Child Care Aware General Scholarship contract comes to an end. First consideration will be given to students on track to complete their ECE degree or certificate by June 30, 2017.

Who qualifies for a scholarship and where is more information available?

Family Child Care providers needing to meet the education requirement, contact your local community college Point of Contact (contact info below) to learn about scholarship availability.

- Current Child Care Aware General Scholarship recipients will continue to receive support for the duration of their current contract. Before your contract ends, the Child Care Aware Scholarship team will connect you to the appropriate college Point of Contact to help you with next steps.

Have additional questions? Here is who you can contact:

Community Colleges http://www.sbctc.edu/colleges-staff/grants/early-achievers-grant-program-contacts.aspx	Contact an advisor to talk about their ECE program and scholarship availability.
Imagine Institute info@imaginewa.org 206-492-5249	One-on-one support for Family Child Care providers to choose an educational path or connect with a college Point of Contact.
Child Care Aware of Washington scholarships@wa.childcareaware.org 866-308-3224	Current Washington Scholars can learn about the timeline on their existing scholarship contract.
MERIT Support merit@del.wa.gov 1-866-482-4325 and choose option 5	Find out if your education has been verified or get answers to other MERIT related questions.



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