

# How to Get Your CDA for Free: Scholarships by State

## **Alabama:**

1. *Alabama Community College “Leadership in Child Care Scholarship”*  
<https://www.accs.edu/community-college/leadership-in-childcare/>
2. *Partnership for Children T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Alabama Scholarship*  
<https://alabamapartnershipforchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/New-TEACH-Applcation-2025-1.pdf>

## **Alaska:**

1. *Alaska SEED*  
<https://thread.tfaforms.net/f/SEEDCDA>

## **Arizona:**

1. *The Professional Career Pathway Project, Central Arizona College*  
<https://centralaz.edu/divisions-programs/education-division/early-childhood-education/professional-career-pathway-project/>

## **Connecticut:**

1. *Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, Early Childhood Professional Registry*  
<https://oecregistry.org/tile/b4uqwr957it3nc0o3ii5gu1k>

## **Delaware:**

1. *Delaware Dept. of Education / ECIC CDA Scholarship*  
<https://portal.delawareece.com/Authentication/Landing>

## **District of Columbia (Washington, DC):**

1. *SouthEast Children’s Fund (with OSSE) — CDA Scholarships*  
<https://sechildrensfund.org/child-development-associate-interest-form/>
2. *OSSE (Office of the State Superintendent of Education)*



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<https://shorturl.at/rMVfc>

3. *CentroNía Institute (with OSSE) — CDA Training/Preparation*

<https://www.centronia.org/families/enrollment/application/child-development-associate-cda-training-program-application>

**Florida:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Florida*

<https://teach-fl.org/scholarship-models/>

**Georgia:**

1. *DECAL Scholars (Georgia DECAL)*

<https://www.decalscholars.com/academic-scholarships/>

**Hawaii:**

1. *PATCH (People Attentive to Children)*

<https://www.patchhawaii.org/programs/providers/scholarship-programs/>

**Idaho:**

1. *IdahoSTARS*

<https://idahostars.org/Professional-Development/Academic-Scholarships>

**Indiana:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Indiana — CDA Assessment Fee Scholarship*

<https://inaeyc.org/programs/teach/scholarship-model/>

**Iowa:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Iowa*

<https://iowaaeyc.b-cdn.net/app/uploads/2024/06/Application-TEACH-Fillable.pdf>

**Kansas:**

1. *Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities: KCCTO CDA Scholarships*

<https://kccto.org/providers/cda-support/>

**Kentucky:**

1. *Child Care Aware of Kentucky*

<https://www.childcareawareky.org/support/professional-development/>



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**Louisiana:**

1. *Louisiana Pathways Early Learning Center Career Development System*  
<https://www.nsula.edu/pathways/cda-credential-assessment-fee-scholarship/>

**Maryland:**

1. *Montgomery County CDA Scholarships*  
<https://shorturl.at/Erv9t>

**Massachusetts:**

1. *Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)*  
<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-the-early-childhood-educators-ece-scholarship>

**Michigan:**

1. *MIAEYC: CDA Assessment Scholarships*  
<https://miaeyc.org/t-e-a-c-h-scholarships/associates-scholarships-cda-training/>

**Minnesota:**

1. *Child Care Aware of Minnesota CDA Awards*  
<https://www.childcareawaremn.org/providers/grants-and-scholarships/cda-awards/>

**Mississippi:**

1. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood  
[https://www.jsums.edu/earlyeducation/files/2014/10/MS\\_New\\_CDA\\_App-2014Fax.pdf](https://www.jsums.edu/earlyeducation/files/2014/10/MS_New_CDA_App-2014Fax.pdf)

**Missouri:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Missouri*  
<https://mochildcareaware.org/cda-scholarship-project-home/>

**Nebraska:**

1. *Nebraska Dept. of Education — CDA Scholarship Project*  
<https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/cda-credentialing-scholarships/>

**Nevada:**

1. *The Children's Cabinet*  
<https://www.childrenscabinet.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Training-Grant-Application-CDA-ONLY-1.pdf>



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**New Hampshire:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® New Hampshire*

<https://www.caphr.org/system/files/2025-08/uploads/file/TEACH%20Application%20CDA.pdf>

**New Jersey:**

1. *NJCCIS Educational Enhancement Grants / Scholarship Program*

<https://www.childcarenj.gov/Providers/Resources/CDA-College>

**New York:**

1. *QUALITYstarsNY*

<http://earlychildhoodny.org/cdsc/apply-workforcescholarship.php>

2. *Rockefeller College (UAlbany) Professional Development Program (ECETP)*

<https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/eip.aspx>

3. *NY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute*

[https://earlychildhoodny.org/cdsc/apply-workforcescholarship.php?lang=en\\_US](https://earlychildhoodny.org/cdsc/apply-workforcescholarship.php?lang=en_US)

**North Carolina:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood*

<https://www.earlyyearsnc.org/programs/teach-north-carolina/apply/>

**North Dakota:**

1. *ND Health & Human Services Workforce Training Incentive*

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs/early-childhood-services/incentives-and-stipends/workforce-training-incentive>

**Ohio:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood*

<https://ocerra.org/workforce-development/child-development-associate-cda-credential/>

**Oklahoma:**

1. *Oklahoma State Regents*



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<https://okhighered.org/scholars/>

**Oregon:**

1. *OCCD*  
<https://www.pdx.edu/education-career-development/scholarships>

**Pennsylvania:**

1. *The Pennsylvania Key*  
<https://www.pakeys.org/apply-cda-voucher/>

**Rhode Island:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood*  
<https://teach-ri.org/cda-scholarship/>

**South Carolina:**

1. *SC Child Care (Early Care & Education)*  
<https://www.scchildcare.org/families/child-care-scholarships/>

**South Dakota:**

1. *SD Dept. of Social Services — Child Care Services*  
<https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities/associateproject.aspx>

**Utah:**

1. *Registry for Professional Development (URPD) — Workforce Services Child Care*  
<https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/urpd/scholarships.html>

**Vermont:**

1. *Vermont Dept. for Children and Families*  
<https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/providers/funding/staff>



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**Virginia:**

1. *VAAEYC PDQI Scholarships*  
<https://vaaeyc.org/support/scholarships/>
2. *Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program*  
<https://vaccscholarship.com/>

**Wisconsin:**

1. *T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood*  
<https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/t-e-a-c-h/>

**Wyoming:**

1. *Wyoming Workforce Services*  
<https://dws.wyo.gov/dws-division/business-training-support-unit/wyoming-quality-counts/educators-corner/scholarships/>



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