



Priority Deadlines:

Fall Semester – July 17
Spring Semester – Nov 27

Louisiana Tech University:

Fall Quarter – Aug 8
Winter Quarter – Oct 30
Spring Quarter – Feb 6

College Tuition Scholarship Criteria

1. Enrollment and active participation in Louisiana Pathways Early Learning Center Career Development System is required to receive a scholarship.
2. The statewide scholarship program is open to individuals working in Louisiana Type III licensed early learning centers and registered family child care homes (must currently be approved to accept CCAP).
3. Scholarship applicants / recipients must currently work part-time (at least 16 hours/week) or full-time in the early learning center as the director, assistant director, lead teacher, or assistant teacher.
4. Type I and Type II licensed early learning centers and their employees are prohibited by law from directly or indirectly receiving any state or federal funds other than those received solely for the food and nutrition program and are therefore not eligible for Louisiana Pathways scholarship funds.
5. Scholarships are available to individuals with majors such as **Care and Development of Young Children, Child Development, Family & Consumer Science w/ concentration in Child Development & Family Relations, Early Childhood Education, Birth to Five/Early Intervention, Pre K- 3rd, Birth to K**, and for **students taking classes to advance on the Pathways Career Ladder, and those working towards CDA training.**
6. The applicant may attend as a full-time or part-time student at any Louisiana based accredited university, community college, or technical school which offers an approved program of study or classes.
7. The scholarship is not based on income.
8. Textbooks and some, if not all, student fees are not included in the scholarship and payment for these items will be the applicant's responsibility (see scholarship guidelines for more details).
9. Financial Aid documentation is required for all students. If someone receives a Pell Grant, or other type of scholarship that covers or exceeds their tuition needs (i.e. tuition cost \$900 – Pell Grant \$1,000), they may not receive a scholarship. Participants who are eligible for other sources of funding such as Pell Grants are expected to utilize those funds to the fullest extent possible.
10. All payments are made to the educational institution, not to the scholarship recipient. Reimbursement to an individual or agency from Louisiana Pathways is prohibited.
11. A scholarship application will not be considered complete without all of the requested items from the enclosed "college tuition scholarship application checklist".
12. Students who receive Louisiana Pathways scholarships must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better.
13. Scholarships will cover tuition for all classes required for approved **Associate and Bachelors degrees**. Plans of study must be submitted to verify degree requirements (funding is not available for graduate degrees).
14. Scholarship recipients awarded tuition to attend classes other than their early childhood or child development classes because they are also required for their approved degree, must complete 3, one-page article summaries on an early childhood topic each semester in which such classes are taken and covered by scholarship. Examples of such classes include but are not limited to: General Education, Math, Science, English, General Psychology, History, and Fine Arts. A list of topics to choose from and instructions will be provided for each scholarship recipient when article summaries are required. Article summaries must be received by the scholarship office at the end of the semester/quarter in which they are required for future scholarship consideration.



Louisiana Pathways
Scholarship Program
1800 Warrington Place
Shreveport, LA 71101

(318) 677-3163
(800) 245-8925

College Tuition Scholarship Application (checklist):

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Louisiana Pathways Scholarship. Applicants may apply for a scholarship to pay tuition for all of their courses required for an approved major. **To be considered for a scholarship, you must be enrolled and actively participating in Louisiana Pathways Early Learning Center Career Development System** (if you are not already a member, please submit enrollment form, employment verification form, and copies of your early childhood training certificates). The following documents must be submitted for consideration:

College Tuition Scholarship Application

Faxed copies will not be accepted. Must re-apply each semester / quarter.

Plan of Study

List the courses required for your degree, diploma, or certificate (should be copied from your school catalog or obtained from your advisor - if transferring classes from another school, a degree audit may be required - applicants re-applying do not need to submit another plan of study unless it has changed).

Schedule of classes and tuition

An official schedule must list your classes for the semester and include your official tuition and fee statement (detailed account summary). All courses scheduled must match your plan of study. If an advisor has approved a substitution, documentation must be included.

Letter of Commitment / Intent

In your own words, write a paragraph or two which demonstrates your commitment to the field of child care in Louisiana. The letter should explain how you think your education will help you provide quality care for young children. How will you use your early childhood education? What are your career goals? (Applicants re-applying do not need to submit a second letter unless your plans have changed.)

Letter of Recommendation

The letter must be written by your early learning center director, assistant director, or education coordinator. FCCH providers may submit letter from parent of child in your care. (Applicants re-applying do not need to submit a second letter of recommendation unless your place of employment has changed.)

Transcript

Submit all previous college transcripts. If you are enrolled in college for the first time, submit transcript in order to confirm official registration and program in which you have been admitted. Unofficial copies of your transcript are acceptable. (Applicants re-applying **must send** grades from the last semester in which a scholarship was granted. Approval for future assistance will be based on the maintenance of at least a 2.0 GPA.)

Financial Aid Information

If an application for financial aid has not already been submitted, apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You must submit a copy of your application confirmation or SAR report. If it indicates that you may be eligible for a Pell Grant, you must follow up with your school's Financial Aid Office to complete the application process. Use the enclosed financial aid form to document your financial aid awards or lack of. Accepting loans will not affect a scholarship award. **We only need to know if a student qualifies for a Pell Grant or other source of funding.** Financial Aid must be re-applied for each fiscal year (Fall/Spring).

Award checks will be sent directly to the college or university.



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***Please print all information clearly, preferably in blue ink:

Name _____

Social Security # XXX - XX - _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Mailing Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Parish _____

Phone # Home () _____ Work () _____ Cell () _____

Email Address (if available) _____

Is this your first time applying for a Louisiana Pathways scholarship? Yes or No

Are you currently employed? Yes or No

Current Employment:

Name of employment facility: _____

License # _____ License Type: I, II, III (please circle)

Physical Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone: _(____)_____ Ext: _____

Fax Number: _(____)_____

What is your job title / classroom? _____

Name of current Supervisor: _____

Type of Program:

- Family Child Care Home
- Early Learning Center
- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Other (explain): _____

Education Information:

What is the last school you attended?

Institution: _____
Name of School City State

What is your highest level of education?

- GED High School Diploma A.A. A.S. B.A. B.S.
 M.A. M.S. Ph.D. Other: _____

Do you have a CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential? Yes or No

Which school do you plan on attending?

Institution: _____
Name of School City State

What type of school is this?

- Vocational-technical college Community College Two-year college/university
 Four-year college/university Online Program

For what semester/quarter are you applying for a scholarship? _____
Semester / Year

What is your major? _____

What degree, if any, are you working toward?

- Technical Diploma A.A. A.S. A.A.S. B.A. B.S.
 Other (explain) _____

I hereby apply for a college tuition scholarship. The information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to participate in a written or verbal evaluation of my scholarship experience. I give consent for my school to share my personally identifiable information with Pathways Scholarship staff in order to determine eligibility for scholarships including but not limited to my schedule, fees, financial aid information, and my grades.

Applicant's Signature Date

**Return this application along with other required documents from the
"college tuition scholarship application checklist" to:
(Faxed copies cannot be accepted)
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