

2019 Rhian Evans Allvin & Joshua J. Allen Early Childhood Scholarship ONE Award: \$1,000

ABOUT AZAEYC

AzAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate and work on behalf of young children. Learn more at www.azaeyc.org.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Rhian Evans Allvin & Joshua J. Allen Early Childhood Scholarship, a member benefit of AzAEYC, was created to acknowledge the outstanding service of early childhood professionals by recognizing their leadership qualities and commitment to early education and public policies that support the well-being of young children.

DESCRIPTION

- The Rhian Evans Allvin & Joshua J. Allen Scholarship provides ONE \$1,000 award for ONE student attending an accredited university/college and majoring in early childhood education (or a closely related field) with an interest in quality early education, early childhood public policy, and advocacy efforts on behalf of the early childhood profession, young children and families.
- This scholarship can be used to continue college education (for undergraduate and graduate courses), participate in ECE professional development, and/or attain ECE career goals (e.g., purchase NAEYC resources/ books for professional growth, purchase developmentally appropriate classroom materials, attend a conference or workshop).
- A student may nominate themselves or may be nominated by their college faculty. An individual may receive a scholarship from AzAEYC only once.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. Currently be enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university;
- 2. Be a resident of Arizona:
- 3. Be a current member of AzAEYC: www.azaeyc.org/membership;
- 4. Be in good academic standing, with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
- 5. And plan to complete a minimum of 6 credit hours at an accredited college/ university during the academic year. (Applicants may also simultaneously pursue other funding such as the First Things First College Scholarship or FAFSA.)



SELECTION PROCEDURE

The scholarship application is due **September 8**, **2019**. Completed applications can be submitted online: https://forms.gle/eKgZSedecPvHqmjM6. Late submissions will not be accepted. Recipients will be selected by a committee of AzAEYC members. Applicants should plan to attend the **AzAEYC Annual Meeting**, **Saturday**, **October 5**, **2019** at a location to be announced. More specific details will be provided to all applicants.

The recipient of this scholarship will be invited to participate in future AzAEYC board meetings and/or serve on AzAEYC committees. The recipient will be awarded and recognized at the AzAEYC Annual Meeting as an honored guest. The recipient will also be invited to help plan future AzAEYC Annual Meetings in some capacity.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

To be considered, applicants must include the completed items listed below. Applications will be scored based upon how well applicants address application requirements. Additional material and information will not be considered.

Submit the following via email or online by September 8, 2019:

- 1. One completed application form (on page 4) or online at https://forms.gle/eKgZSedecPvHqmjM6
 - All requested information on the application must be addressed. Applications with missing information will not be considered.
 - □ Completed electronically (or handwritten legibly), signed, scanned, and sent as an email attachment to ProfessionalDevelopmentVP@azaeyc.org or completed online at https://forms.gle/eKgZSedecPvHqmiM6.
- 2. One letter of recommendation
 - Must be written by a faculty member at your college or university and include their signature, title, and contact number (letters written on college or university letterhead preferred)
 - Must specifically address your: 1. personal strengths, 2. leadership qualities, 3.
 academic achievements, and 4. potential as an early childhood professional
- 3. One brief essay (one-sided, double-spaced, and a maximum of two pages in 12 point font):
 - Describe two concrete reasons you chose to pursue a career in early childhood education.



- Explain how you will use this scholarship to: continue your education, and/or participate in local/ statewide ECE professional development, and/or advocate for the early childhood profession and/or advocate for young children and their families, and/or attain ECE career goals.
- □ Explain how your personal experiences and goals align with **AzAEYC Vision**, **Mission and Values:** www.azaeyc.org/about-azaeyc/vision-mission-values/
- 4. One set of unofficial transcripts
 - ☐ Most current unofficial college transcript(s) indicating cumulative GPA for college coursework.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:

Complete the application process online: https://forms.gle/eKgZSedecPvHqmjM6 or print and complete this form (typed or handwritten legibly), sign, scan, and send as an email attachment to ProfessionalDevelopmentVP@azaeyc.org. Completed applications must be received by 11:59pm September 8, 2019. Notifications will be sent by September 14, 2019. For technical assistance, please contact: ProfessionalDevelopmentVP@azaeyc.org.

QUESTIONS, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: <u>ProfessionalDevelopmentVP@azaeyc.org</u> or contact Shanna Kukla by phone at 520-977-6920.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry at https://www.azregistry.org/ send an email to info@thearizonaregistry.org.



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Your information:
Name:
Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):
Best Contact Email Address:
Best Contact Phone #:
AzAEYC (NAEYC) Member ID #:
Education Information: Name of the college or university enrolled:
I am enrolled in: an undergraduate program (e.g., Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's) a post-baccalaureate program (e.g., Master's, Doctorate)



Program of Study/ Area of Focus:
My cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale)(including all college level coursework) Ages of children I work with or intend to work with:
Context I work in or intend to work in (e.g., Head Start, district, private program)
At the end of the Summer 2020 semester, I will have completed credit hours of college coursework.
Names of courses and course numbers I plan to take this academic year (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, and/or Spring 2020):
Please include one letter of recommendation (see page 2, item #2), one brief essay (see page 2, item #3), and one set of unofficial transcripts (see page 3, item #4) with this form. Print and mail to Shanna Kukla, 816 S. Erin Ave., Tucson, AZ 85711 or send to ProfessionalDevelopmentVP@azaeyc.org.
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief at the time and date that I have signed below all information listed on this application and required attachments is true and accurate.
Signature Date
Completed applications must be received by September 8, 2019.