

AzAEYC 2023 Scholarship Application

Honor the Past and Reimagine the Future.

About the scholarship: The AzAEYC 2023 "Honor the Past and Reimagine the Future" Early Childhood Scholarship was renamed to acknowledge and honor the outstanding service of early childhood professionals, past, present and future. Building upon the strong foundation created by former leaders in our field, our goal is to recognize the leadership qualities and commitment to equitable early education of our future educators.

This Scholarship provides one (1) \$1,250 award each to TWO (2) students attending an Arizona university/college and majoring in early childhood education (or a closely related field) with an interest in equitable quality early childhood experiences, early childhood public policy, and advocacy efforts on behalf of young children and families.

The scholarship application is due on or before Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

This scholarship can be used to continue college education (for undergraduate and graduate courses), and/or attain ECE career goals (e.g., purchasing resources for professional growth and/or living expenses). Award winners will be asked to participate in at least one (1) virtual interview with AzAEYC, collaborate on putting together a blog post, or supporting an AzAEYC project, based on award winner capacity and availability.

A student may apply themselves or may be nominated by their college faculty, advisor or a supervisor, or any professional in the field. An individual may receive a scholarship from AzAEYC only once.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Eligibility

1. Currently attend an accredited Arizona college or university;
2. Be a resident of Arizona;
3. Be a current member-in-good-standing of NAEYC/AzAIEYC. OR, if not a member of NAEYC/AzAIEYC and awarded the scholarship, a one-year Entry level membership will be provided for you. Learn more at www.azaeyc.org/join. *You can still apply if you're not currently an NAEYC/AzAIEYC member.*
4. Be in good academic standing, with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
5. Plan to be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours at an Arizona college/university during the 2023/2024 academic year. (Applicants may also pursue First Things First College Scholarship or FAFSA.)
6. Current AzAIEYC Board members are not eligible to apply.

2. Do you meet the eligibility for this scholarship? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Selection Procedure

The scholarship application is due Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Completed applications must be submitted online through this Google Form. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Recipients will be selected by a committee of AzAIEYC members. The applicant's financial need (how will the money be used) and merit (contribution to the field and performance as a student) will be considered when awarding the scholarships.

Applicants should plan to attend the AzAIEYC Annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, October 14, 2023 to be presented their scholarship award. The Annual Meeting will be held in-person in Phoenix, and a virtual option may be available. More specific details will be provided to all applicants.

Required Application Materials

To be considered, applicants must include the completed items listed below.

Submit the completed application online by Tuesday, September 12, 2023:

One completed application form which includes:

1. One letter of recommendation

- Must be written by a faculty member, advisor at your college of enrollment, a supervisor (e.g., director, curriculum specialist), or any professional in the field. It must include a signature, title, and contact number (letters written on college or program letterhead preferred).
- Must specifically address the applicant's personal strengths, leadership qualities, academic achievements, and potential as an early childhood education professional.

2. One brief essay (one-sided, double-spaced, and a maximum of two pages in 12 point font):

- Describe how your education will prepare you to provide high quality equitable early childhood experiences or participate in early childhood public policy and advocacy efforts on behalf of young children and families. How do you see yourself involved in this work, either currently or in the future? - Identify any barriers you might have faced or overcome in pursuing your educational goals.
- Explain how you will use this scholarship to continue your education and/or attain ECE career goals.
- Consider the AzAEYC Vision, Mission and Values and the NAEYC Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education Position Statement as you compose your essay: www.azaeyc.org/about-azaeyc/vision-mission-values and www.naeyc.org/resources/position-statements/equity

3. One set of unofficial transcripts

- Most current unofficial college transcript(s) indicating cumulative GPA for college coursework.

Questions & Support

For technical assistance or if there are any special accommodations needed to complete your application, please contact info@azaeyc.org PRIOR to beginning the application process.

Questions or for more info: info@azaeyc.org.

For info on statewide scholarship opportunities: Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry at www.azregistry.org or info@thearizonaregistry.org.

Your Information

3. First and Last Name *

4. Best Contact Email Address *

5. Mailing Address (Street, City, State, and Zip Code) *

6. Best Contact Phone # *

7. AzAEYC/NAEYC Member ID # (if applicable)

Your Education Information

8. Name of the Arizona college or university enrolled *

9. I am enrolled in: *

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An undergraduate program (e.g., CDA, Associate degree, or Bachelor degree)

A post-baccalaureate program (e.g., Master degree or Doctorate degree)

Other: _____

10. Program of Study/ Area of Focus *

11. My cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) (including all college level coursework) *

12. Ages of children I work with or intend to work with *

13. Context I work in or intend to work in (such as Head Start, district, private program, family child care/home-based) *

14. I am enrolled in the Fall 2023 semester. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other: _____

15. I plan to enroll in the Spring 2024 semester. *

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Yes

No

Other: _____

Your Uploads

Please upload your required documents here.

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16. Recommendation Letter: Please submit one letter of recommendation 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). This letter must specifically address your 1. personal strengths, 2. leadership qualities, 3. academic achievements, and 4. potential as an early childhood professional. Upload your recommendation document here.

Files submitted:

17. Essay: Please submit a brief essay (one-sided, double-spaced, and a maximum of two pages in 12 point font) that includes all of the following (be careful to address ALL the requested info): Describe how your education will prepare you to provide high quality equitable early childhood experiences, or participate in early childhood public policy, and advocacy efforts on behalf of young children and families. How do you see yourself involved in this work either currently or in the future? Identify any barriers you might have faced or overcome in pursuing your educational goals. Explain how you will use this scholarship to: continue your education and/or attain ECE career goals. Consider the AzAEYC Vision, Mission and Values and the NAEYC Advancing Equity in Early Childhood Education Position Statement as you compose your essay: www.azaeyc.org/about-azaeyc/vision-mission-values and www.naeyc.org/resources/position-statements/equity. Upload your essay here.

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18. Unofficial Transcripts: Please submit your most current unofficial college transcript(s) indicating cumulative GPA for college coursework. Upload your unofficial transcripts here.

Files submitted:

19. Submissions *

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- I have uploaded my required Letter of Recommendation, Essay, and Unofficial Transcripts into this Google Form.
- I will email my required Letter of Recommendation, Essay, and Unofficial Transcripts to info@azaeyc.org on or before October 2, 2022.

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