



## The Legacy Scholarship

*Supporting Continuing Education Opportunities for Child Care Professionals*

The Child Care Aware® of Kansas Board of Directors has established a Greater Salina Community Foundation Endowed Fund to provide annual educational scholarships to Kansas child care providers.

The Legacy Scholarship, in honor of Leadell Ediger, is a needs-based, reimbursement educational scholarship. The Legacy Scholarship is designed to fulfill a financial gap for a child care professional(s) wanting to obtain an early childhood certificate through a Kansas community college. The Legacy Scholarship will:

- Support early care and education providers in their efforts to provide quality child care services.
- Expand providers' knowledge of child development by connecting them with continuing education opportunities.

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### Legacy Scholarship Eligibility

The following guidelines will be used to determine scholarship eligibility.

- Legacy Scholarships will be awarded to an individual working in a licensed child care facility (per licensing regulations), listed in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment licensing database.
- Licensed family child care provider or child care center must be in good standing with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- Child Care Center staff - Must work a minimum of 30 hours per week directly with children ages 0-5 and **have been employed with the facility for a minimum of 6 months.**
- Family Child Care Providers - Must work a minimum of 30 hours per week directly with children, have a current enrollment of 4 or more children ages 0-5 and **have been in operation for a minimum of 6 months.**
- Priority will be given to an individual employed in a child care facility currently serving children and their families accepting Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) subsidy assistance.

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### Legacy Scholarship Requirements

- Successfully complete courses that are required for the **early childhood certificate.**
- Commit to working at current child care program for a year after the contract year.

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### Legacy Scholarship Specifications

*Each Legacy Scholarship provides up to \$3,000.00 in support for an **early childhood certificate** at a Kansas community college. Legacy Scholarship awards must be used within two-year contract period.*

**Application deadline is 5pm on July 21, 2023 - Applications must be received at the Child Care Aware® of Kansas by this date to be eligible for review.**

Based on the availability of funds, scholarships will be awarded annually.



*About Leadell Ediger*

*After a 30-year career, Leadell retired in 2020. Early in her career, she worked alongside our Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) partners to file our 501(c)3, write articles of incorporation and bylaws, and search for funding. She helped to write the first grant request in 1993 to what was then the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. When we received the funding, in 1995, Leadell became the first executive director of the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, now known as Child Care Aware of Kansas.*

*We thank her for her leadership and celebrate her contributions.*



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### Legacy Scholarship Q & A

*Who is eligible for a Legacy Scholarship?*

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*What kind of support does the Legacy Scholarship provide?*

The scholarship will provide up to \$3,000.00 for coursework required for an **early childhood certificate** at a Kansas community college.

*Can a Legacy Scholarship be extended beyond the two-year award?*

The expectation is that within the two-year award period, the scholarship recipient will have completed their **early childhood certificate**.

*Who funds the Legacy Scholarship?*

The Legacy Scholarship is currently funded through the Child Care Aware® of Kansas Endowment Fund. These funds are available through private donations.

*What educational institutions does Child Care Aware® of Kansas partner with?*

Refer to the Child Care Aware® of Kansas website for a list of Kansas community colleges that offer an early childhood certificate.

*How do I enroll in a community college? When do classes begin? When do classes meet? Am I qualified to be a student at a community college or university?*

Contact the community college you plan to attend regarding their application and enrollment process. The college will also be able to provide you information about course time and location. Many community colleges also offer courses online.

*Have questions? Email [info@ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:info@ks.childcareaware.org)*

**Applications can be submitted via email to: [info@ks.childcareaware.org](mailto:info@ks.childcareaware.org)**

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