



## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate Renewal Scholarship Programs



### What is a CDA Credential?

The CDA Credential is a nationally recognized credential awarded to individuals who have demonstrated competency through both experience and education in working with young children ages 0-5. The CDA Credential is awarded to infant/toddler childcare teachers, preschool teachers or family childcare providers.

### Who awards the CDA Credential and issues certificate renewals?

The Council for Professional Recognition (The Council) administers the CDA credentialing program and awards the CDA Credential.

### Why does the CDA Credential have to be renewed?

The CDA Credential is valid for 3 years from the date of award. At the end of that period, an individual may apply for renewal. When renewal is granted, the Credential becomes valid for an additional 5 years.

### Who administers the CDA Certificate Renewal Scholarship Programs?

The CDA Renewal Scholarships are made available through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina Scholarship Program and is administered by Child Care Services Association.

### Who is eligible for a CDA Renewal Scholarship?

- Individuals earning \$18 or less per hour while working in a licensed childcare center or a registered family childcare home for at least 30 hours per week are encouraged to apply.
- Those applying for assistance paying the renewal fee must provide the completed original renewal application and copies or proof of all information listed below.

### What do I need in order to renew my CDA Credential?

In order to renew the CDA Credential, an individual must fill out a renewal application and complete the following: a 3 credit hour continuing education course or professional education training courses, first aid and infant/child CPR certification, work a minimum of 80 hours with children ages 3-5 years in the past year, an ECE professional recommendation, and membership in an ECE professional organization.

### Where can I get the certificate renewal application?

The certificate renewal application is available in the CDA Renewal Procedures Guide located on the Council for Professional Recognition's website at [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).

### What do the CDA Renewal Scholarships cover?

Program	Scholarship	Education	Compensation
For those applying for assistance with college expenses	80% tuition 80% books Travel stipend	3 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	\$100 bonus
For those applying for assistance paying the renewal fee	85% renewal fee		\$100 bonus

### What are the obligations of recipients on either of the CDA Renewal Scholarships?

Program	Scholarship	Education	Commitment
For those applying for assistance with college expenses	10-20% tuition 10-20% books	3 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	3 months in sponsoring center/ family child care home
For those applying for assistance paying the renewal fee	Up to 15% renewal fee		3 - 6 months in sponsoring center/ family child care home

### What kind of commitment is required of sponsoring centers (Does not apply to home based professionals)?

Program	Scholarship	Commitment
For those applying for assistance with college expenses	10% tuition 10% books Travel stipend	Maintain employment of recipient during contract year and for 3 months following contract completion
For those applying for assistance paying the renewal fee	0-15% renewal fee	Maintain employment of recipient during contract year and for 3 - 6 months following contract completion

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