



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 to receive reimbursement for the renewal fee must provide a copy of their renewal certificate and proof of payment.

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 on the Council for Professional Recognition’s website at www.cdacouncil.org through their YourCouncil system. It can also be found in the CDA Renewal Procedures Guide which can be found on their website as well.

What do the CDA Renewal Scholarships cover?

Program	Scholarship	Education	Compensation
For those applying for assistance with college expenses	90% tuition 90% books Travel stipend	3 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	\$125 bonus
For those applying for reimbursement of 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	5% tuition 5% books	3 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	3 months in sponsoring center/ family child care home
For those applying for reimbursement of renewal fee	Up to 15% renewal fee		3 - 6 months in early childhood field/sponsoring center/ family child care home

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

Sponsor	Scholarship	Commitment
For those applying for assistance with college expenses	5% tuition 5% books Travel stipend	Maintain employment of recipient during contract year
For those applying for reimbursement of renewal fee	0-15% renewal fee	