News from Child Care Aware of WA Scholarships

As we begin a new year full of hope, we want to recognize our scholar early educators for their tremendous contributions to young children and families across Washington during the past 10 months. Your creativity, dedication and hard work allowed hundreds of working parents to keep working during these very challenging times. Your knowledge and skills in caring for our youngest children helped pave the way for all of their future learning, despite the difficulties of practicing physical distancing and all the extra cleaning. It cannot be said enough—THANK YOU!

The Washington State Legislature began its biennial state budgeting session Jan. 11. The stakes for early childhood education in WA could not be higher. Due to reduced state income caused by the pandemic, legislators are looking for ways to cut spending. It is possible that funding for ECE scholarships could be reduced or even eliminated. Child Care Aware of Washington is committed to sharing the importance of ECE scholarships with legislators and advocating for sustained funding. Your voice is needed! Please visit us online to learn how you can easily be an effective advocate for ECE scholarships and child care.

https://childcareawarewa.org/advocacy/take-action/protect-funding-for-early-childhood-education-scholarships/

Did you know that Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships is a force for good for child care and early learning across the state? It is! Since July 2016, our scholarships:

- Helped 986 scholars attend colleges/universities
- Resulted in 496 degree/certificate completions
- Funded nearly $6 million in scholarships at 47 different colleges
- Reached more than 24,000 young children who have been cared for by our scholars

State legislators are looking for ways to cut the state budget. Please make sure your representatives know how important ECE scholarships are. We’ve made it easy: https://childcareawarewa.org/advocacy/take-action/protect-funding-for-early-childhood-education-scholarships/
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Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships offers scholarships to early learning professionals to enrich their expertise. Our goal is to advance the early learning field by increasing educational achievement and helping early learning professionals achieve their goals.

Winter Reminders:

Email—Make sure to regularly check your email inbox because we communicate with you primarily via email. If you change your email address, please be sure to let us know by contacting scholarships@childcareawarewa.org.

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