



SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE

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Providing Educational Opportunities for Child Care Professionals

BACHELOR'S DEGREE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

This agreement includes the child care provider, the child care facility, the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program (Scholars Program), and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. In the event funds to finance this agreement become unavailable, either in part or in full, due to reduction in appropriations, this agreement may be modified or terminated and such notice will be provided in writing to the parties herein.

Section I: Scholars Program Responsibilities

Administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Scholars Program will:

- Pay up to 90% of tuition/fees and 100% of required text books toward a bachelor's degree in child development or early care at a Scholars Program partnering university.
- Pay based on enrollment and successful completion of no more than two courses for the fall semester, two courses for the spring semester, and one course for the summer semester (9-18 hours per agreement term).

Section II: Scholar Responsibilities

I, _____, agree to maintain the following scholarship eligibility requirements:

- Be employed at a licensed child care facility at least three months before beginning coursework
- Be employed in a licensed child care facility in the state QRIS program with a rating of one-star or higher
- Be employed as a teacher, assistant director, director, family child care provider assistant, or family child care provider (caring for children other than my own) working at least 30 hours per week
- Agree to participate in the Scholars Program and attend a partnering university on a child development/early care plan of study beginning in the following semester:

Spring 20_____ (January–May) Summer 20_____ (May–July) Fall 20_____ (August–December)

- Apply for financial aid each academic year and furnish completed FAFSA application documentation to the Scholarship Administrator and respond promptly to all requests for additional information about FAFSA, SAR, state grants and scholarships.
 - **Note: All financial aid (grants, scholarships, student loans, etc.) will be applied toward tuition, fees and books before the Scholars program scholarship. If for any reason, the Scholars Program scholarship is applied and pays for the tuition, fees and books before financial aid is received, I will refund said amount to the Scholars Program.**
- Successfully complete 9-18 credit hours at an approved university during the first 12 months (3 semesters) of the agreement term and during each subsequent 12-month period thereafter. I will not enroll in more than two courses in the fall semester, two courses in the spring semester and one course in the summer semester. If enrolling in additional hours, the scholarship is forfeited.
- Submit class schedule and any changes to enrollment status or class schedule to the Scholars Program office each semester. If changes are not reported, tuition, fees, and book charges may not be covered by the Scholars Program.
- Notify the Scholars Program office of any changes in employment status. If changes are not reported, tuition, fees, and book charges may not be covered by the Scholars Program and the scholarship may be forfeited.
- Pass each class with a "D" or above, and abide by the scholarship grade policy concerning making a "D", "F", "I", or "W". This policy can be found on the Informed Consent form.
 - **Note: The institution grade policy may differ from this. The Scholars Program will not pay for a class to be retaken.**
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA with a minimum 2.5 GPA in all child development/early care coursework.
- Pay the university 10% of tuition/fees subject to the application of additional financial aid and scholarship funds as provided in Section I (1) in accordance with the institutional policies. This includes late fees if applicable.

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This agreement may be modified in writing, and will remain in full force and effect as long as the scholarship applicant remains eligible for participation in the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program or at such time as the scholarship applicant decides not to continue his or her educational goals with the Scholars program.

I agree to the terms and conditions set forth above, and will adhere to all Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program policies. In addition, I understand that my scholarship will not be valid until I receive my official notification letter of approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Date

Section III: Child Care Facility Responsibilities

As the director of _____ child care facility, I agree that the undersigned child care professional from this facility can participate in the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program. I agree to be supportive of the undersigned child care professional in his/her educational endeavors. I also agree to allow the Scholarship Administrator to contact the scholar at my facility to better ensure my staff's success in the Scholars Program and courses enrolled.

Signature of Child Care Facility Director/Owner

Date