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Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry

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Why should I join the registry?

The Registry will help you grow your skills and advance your career. The more experience, education, and professional development you have in early childhood, the further you can go.

Find and register for training and professional development opportunities near you: many are available online

- Meet the annual requirements for licensing
- Search by topic, instructor and location

Manage your career profile

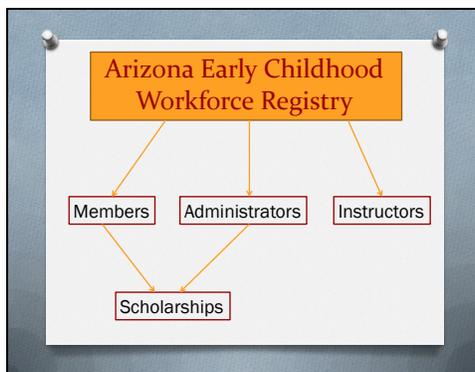
- Keep a record of your training and credentials in one place
- Identify your strengths and the areas where you need more professional development
- Make updates as you complete classes/training

Access First Things First College Scholarships to take college classes toward a degree or credential in early childhood (only available through the Registry)

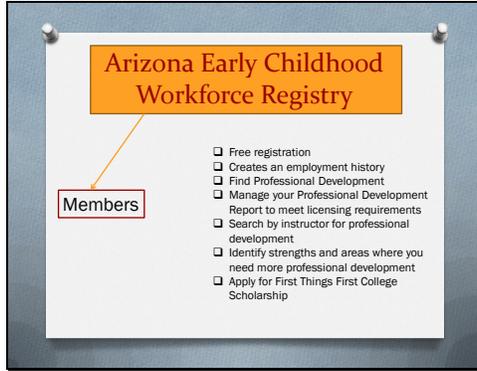
Share your qualifications with employers

- Have your education credentials verified for employers, licensing agencies

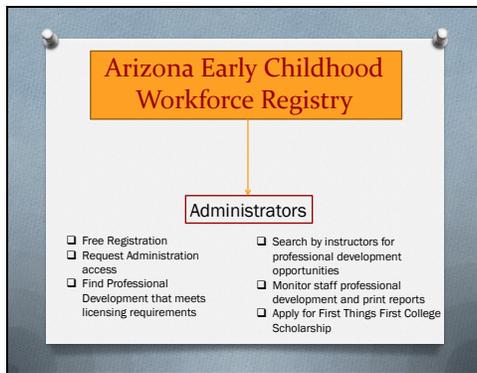
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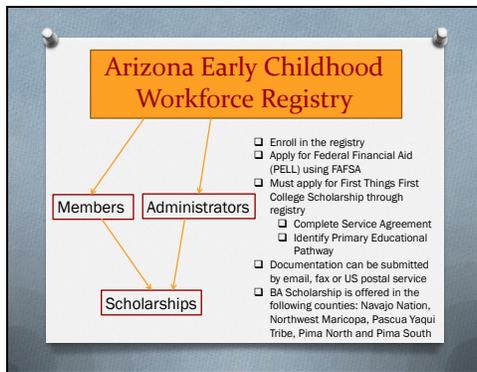
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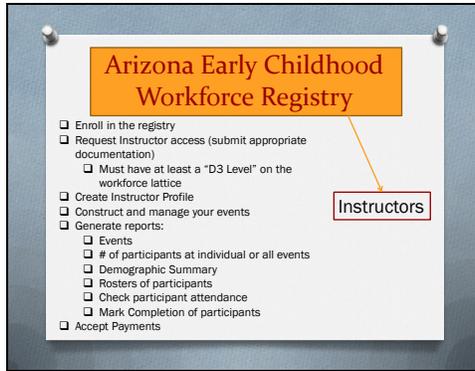
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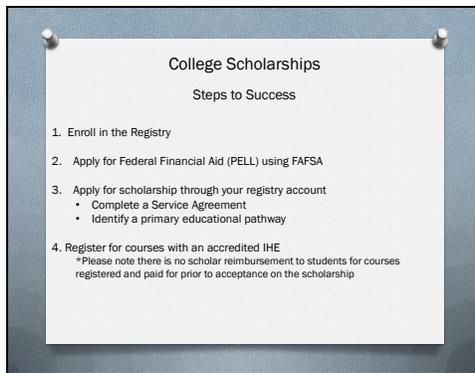


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- Enroll in the registry
- Request Instructor access (submit appropriate documentation)
 - Must have at least a "D3 Level" on the workforce lattice
- Create Instructor Profile
- Construct and manage your events
- Generate reports:
 - Events
 - # of participants at individual or all events
 - Demographic Summary
 - Rosters of participants
 - Check participant attendance
 - Mark Completion of participants
- Accept Payments

Instructors

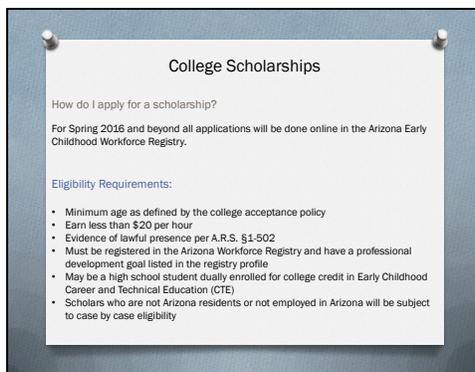
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College Scholarships
Steps to Success

1. Enroll in the Registry
2. Apply for Federal Financial Aid (PELL) using FAFSA
3. Apply for scholarship through your registry account
 - Complete a Service Agreement
 - Identify a primary educational pathway
4. Register for courses with an accredited IHE
*Please note there is no scholar reimbursement to students for courses registered and paid for prior to acceptance on the scholarship

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College Scholarships

How do I apply for a scholarship?

For Spring 2016 and beyond all applications will be done online in the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum age as defined by the college acceptance policy
- Earn less than \$20 per hour
- Evidence of lawful presence per A.R.S. §1-502
- Must be registered in the Arizona Workforce Registry and have a professional development goal listed in the registry profile
- May be a high school student dually enrolled for college credit in Early Childhood Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Scholars who are not Arizona residents or not employed in Arizona will be subject to case by case eligibility

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College Scholarships continued:

Credits Allowed:

Minimum of 3 credits per semester, maximum of 24 credits per year

- Includes course and college fees, books, CDA assessment fees

Degrees Allowed:

- Child Development Associate Credential
- Associate degree in ECE or related field (Child and Family Studies, Consumer Studies, Developmental Psychology, Elementary Education, Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences, Human Development, Human Ecology, Human Services, Nursing, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology, and Special Education. This may include other fields as determined by FTF.)
- Bachelor's degree in ECE or related field (only available in regions where the Regional Partnership Council has designated funds)
- Obtain college credits in business administration coursework designed to support staff management, human resources and financial management of an early childhood program
- Developmental courses that may be needed for achievement of a degree, including ESL courses.

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Education Milestone Bonus

Milestone Bonus aligned with the AZ Career and Professional Development Network Career Lattice.

- ◆ \$150 when a scholar achieves:
 - 6 credit hours in ECE/ECSE/CFS/ECA/ITD/CD or
 - 12 credit hours toward a degree in ECE/ECSE/CFS/ECA/ITD/CD
- ◆ \$300 when a scholar achieves:
 - 24 credits toward a degree in ECSE/CFS/ECA/ITD/CD
- ◆ \$900 when a scholar achieves:
 - Associate degree in ECE or related field
 - Associate degree in non-ECE major with 24 hours in ECSE/CFS/ECA/ITD/CD
- ◆ \$1500 when a scholar achieves:
 - Bachelor degree in ECE or a related field
 - Bachelor degree in non-ECE major including 24 credits in ECSE/CFS/ECA/ITD/CD

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Commitment Requirements:

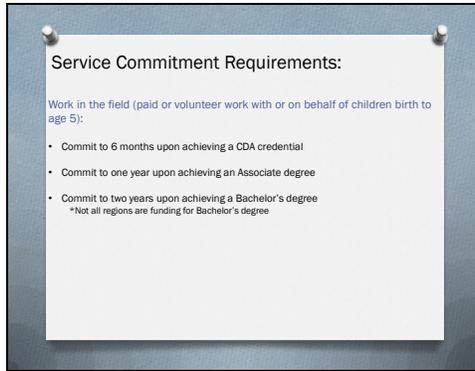
Commit to one of the following during the first year of coursework:

- Participate in FTF Champion Training offered through the Registry, or
- Participate in Health and Safety Specialist training offered through the Registry

Commit to one of the following in the second year and each year thereafter of coursework:

- Conduct an FTF Champion presentation
- Mentor a new College Scholarships scholar in their first year of college coursework (i.e. how to apply to the college, how to meet with an advisor, how to declare a major, where the bookstore is located, where tutoring is located, where classes are located, etc.)
- Attend regional council meetings to present their education story
- Work with the college scholarship administrative home to present the scholarship program at local conference or in the community
- Scholar identifies activity they could contribute in a meaningful way as approved by the administrative home (e.g. professional association, volunteer work, community early childhood events volunteer, early childhood systems efforts volunteer such as Read On Arizona)

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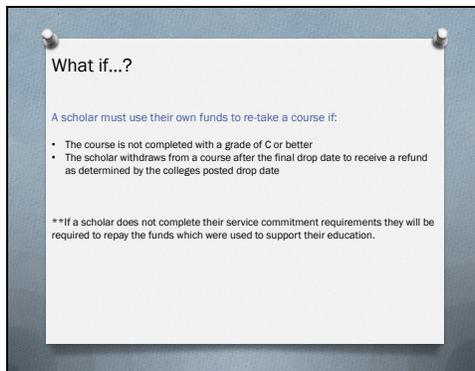


Service Commitment Requirements:

Work in the field (paid or volunteer work with or on behalf of children birth to age 5):

- Commit to 6 months upon achieving a CDA credential
- Commit to one year upon achieving an Associate degree
- Commit to two years upon achieving a Bachelor's degree
 - *Not all regions are funding for Bachelor's degree

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What if...?

A scholar must use their own funds to re-take a course if:

- The course is not completed with a grade of C or better
- The scholar withdraws from a course after the final drop date to receive a refund as determined by the colleges posted drop date

**If a scholar does not complete their service commitment requirements they will be required to repay the funds which were used to support their education.