



Congratulations BA Graduates!

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Allison Gee
Katharine Green
Sandra Jenkins
Laura Sampson
Lesa Valenzuela

News from Child Care Aware of WA Scholarships

It's celebration time! We are celebrating all of our graduates who have inspired us with their hard work, determination and dedication to helping Washington's children and families. Congratulations to everyone graduating this year!

Child Care Aware of Washington also is celebrating 30 years as our state's most trusted child care resource. Thank you to all of our wonderful partners who have helped us reach this milestone. We can't wait to see what the next 30 years hold for all of us.

Did you know that CCA of WA Scholarships can provide scholarships to providers who want to meet the updated minimum education WAC requirement? Providers have five years from Aug. 1, 2019 to meet the requirement. Our scholarships for child care professionals who want to earn a bachelor's degree in ECE cover up to \$9,000 in tuition and fees, book reimbursement up to \$500 and up to three hours per week of release time paid to the employer at a rate of \$11 per hour. We also provide a completion incentive for scholars who have successfully completed their scholarship contracts.

For more information, please visit us online: <https://childcareawarewa.org/providers/#scholarships>.



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**Washington
Child Care
Business Jobs—
New, Free Jobs
Posting Service**

Child Care Aware of Washington recently launched a new, free child care jobs posting and application management system for Early Achievers participants, Washington Child Care Business Jobs, part of Washington Child Care Business Edge, our online shared business services portal. Both are funded by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Child Care Business Jobs allows providers to post jobs on its child care jobs site and also on eight other jobs sites at the same time. To see open positions visit https://app.acquire4hire.com/careers/list.json?id=517&fbclid=IwAR3si6N0joDIWu3FWBajcZmvgVK7kNfCQHR6btei0OYK2M7IKZ64_mdD9eK4.

To post an open position, visit Edge at <https://www.childcarebizedge.org/default.aspx>.

Scholar Spotlight—Azucena Zavala Montalvo

Azucena Zavala Montalvo is living her belief that education can lead to a better life, and she's striving to make that belief a reality for the young children she teaches too. "I have always believed that education is the door to a better life, and this is what we want to offer our young children," she said.

Azucena is an Assistant Teacher at the Skagit Valley YMCA Early Learning Center in Burlington. She's working toward her Bachelor of Arts Degree in ECE with a P-3 Endorsement at Woodring College of Education, Western Washington University. She's set to graduate in winter of 2021.

She credits her CCA of WA scholarship for allowing her to combine higher education with work. "This scholarship has been my financial support to continue my education. Without it I would not be able to attend college and provide my students the quality education that I have been giving them."





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Summer Reminders:

Scholarship Waitlist

CCA of WA Scholarships currently has a waitlist, which means we've reached the maximum number of scholarships that can be awarded at this time.

In order to renew your scholarship, active scholars must be in good standing at the time we review for new awards. This means submitting all required paperwork, including transcripts with grades and academic advising forms. Additionally, scholars must successfully complete the minimum number of credits specified in their current scholarship contract.

Renewals are not guaranteed and are based on a scholar's standing and available funding.



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