



Protect Important Investments in Higher Education Scholarships for Child Care Early Educators

The Impact of Higher Education on Child Care & Early Learning Programs in Washington

Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships has been helping our state’s early childhood educators improve the lives of children and families for nearly 20 years. Our scholarship graduates improve their teaching and caregiving through the knowledge and use of early childhood development best practices. Additionally, our scholarships help ensure that Washington’s child care and early learning professionals have the credentials they need to meet state licensing requirements.



986
CCA of WA
Scholars



24,256
Children Cared
for by CCA of WA
Scholars



24,375
College Credits



469
Degrees &
Certificate
Completions



\$5,844,085
Scholarship Funds
Dispersed



47
Colleges in WA
with CCA of WA
Scholars

When infants and young children in child care and early learning programs are cared for by highly skilled and nurturing professionals, they get the crucial early childhood education they need to form a strong foundation for all future learning. Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships graduates incorporate the fundamentals of the best early childhood research into their classrooms, bringing play-based learning to life every day.

Our scholarship recipients and graduates benefit from earning their higher education degrees via increased confidence and stronger skills across a variety of learning domains, including early literacy and numeracy, and communications with families and staff. Many of our graduates have moved into leadership positions within their programs and in professional early childhood organizations that work together to improve the lives of children and families.



Child Care Aware of Washington calls on the legislature to prioritize child care and protect the important investment in higher education scholarships that our early learning system relies upon.

Data is from July 2016 to present.