

Early Childhood Degree Scholarship Program

2026 Application Form



Instructions

Please refer to the **2026 Early Childhood Degree Scholarship Program Application Guidelines** while you complete the application.

Please answer all questions in the spaces provided.

If you are completing the form by hand, please use a blue or black ink ballpoint pen.

You must use your **actual signature** on the declaration – a printed name is not acceptable.

Use the checklist on the last page to help you ensure you have completed the application form correctly and included all relevant attachments.

Please submit **pages 3-7** of the Application Form.

If you have any queries about the application process, please contact the Early Childhood Degree Scholarship Program Coordinator by email at ceca@act.gov.au

Privacy statement

All applications for funding under the Early Childhood Degree Scholarship Program are treated as in-confidence documents.

Personal details

Title	First name/s	Last name
Home/postal address (including postcode)		
Preferred telephone contact number	Email address	
Residency status Australian citizen ☐ Permanent resident ☐ Visa holder ☐  Please provide CERTIFIED evidence of your residency status (see Attachment A for eligibility): Australian citizens: CERTIFIED copy of Australian citizenship certificate, Australian passport or Australian birth certificate Permanent residents: CERTIFIED copy of Australian citizenship certificate / evidence of permanent residency or Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) check. Are you a member of any of the following groups? Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ☐ Person with a disability ☐ Person from non-English speaking background ☐		

Employment Please include a current CV with your application

Are you currently employed in the ACT ECEC sector? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details Name of service Type of service Position..... Length of time employed in the sector Have you included a letter from your employer supporting this application? Yes ☐ No ☐

Education Provide evidence of any/all qualifications with your application

Do you hold an early childhood education-related qualification? (e.g. degree/diploma/certificate)

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details

Name of qualification.....

Name of institution.....

Date obtained.....

Do you hold any other qualifications?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details

Name of qualification.....

Name of institution.....

Date obtained.....

Study details

Please provide information about the Early Childhood Degree course that you have/or are intending to enrol in.

Please check the ACECQA website (<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/qualifications/nqf-approved>) to ensure that your choice of course and course units is approved.

Institution
Study mode Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐
Course Title
Course commenced/ intended commencement on
Estimated course completion date

 ***You must provide proof of enrolment or intention to enrol, e.g. academic transcript; acceptance into course.***

Study support

Please note that being or having been in receipt of financial study assistance will only preclude you from being considered for an Early Childhood Degree Scholarship if the funding represents duplication.

Have you received financial assistance to study for an early childhood education course in the past?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details

Type of financial study assistance.....

Source.....

Purpose.....

Are you currently receiving a scholarship/grant/bursary/other financial or in-kind study assistance?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details

Type of financial study assistance.....

Source.....

Purpose.....

To your knowledge, are you eligible for funding through another program to support your studies?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please provide details

Type of financial study assistance.....

Source.....

Purpose.....

Expenditure proposal

Please provide an itemised list for the proposed expenditure of the scholarship funding for each year of your study, e.g. course fees, compulsory textbooks, tutoring.

Proposals may be less than but not exceed \$6,250 for each year to a maximum of \$25,000 over four consecutive years, or \$3,125 per year over eight years for part-time students.

There is provision in the terms and conditions to amend or negotiate a change to the proposed expenditure list. Refer to the Application Guidelines to ensure that your proposal contains only eligible items/services.

Year	Item/service description	Justification about how funding for this item/service will support you in your studies	Estimated cost of item/service
2026	1.		\$
	2.		\$
	3.		\$
Total			
2027	1.		\$
	2.		\$
	3.		\$
Total			
2028	1.		\$
	2.		\$
	3.		\$
Total			
2029	1.		\$
	2.		\$
	3.		\$
Total			
TOTAL over four years			\$

Please attach additional pages if necessary

Relevance of qualification to the National Quality Framework (NQF)

Please provide a short statement (maximum 300 words) about how you see your early childhood teacher degree contributing to the continuing implementation of the NQF in the ACT:

Submitting your application

Applications close on **16 November 2026**. *Late applications will not be accepted.*

Your application can only be submitted by email to: ceca@act.gov.au

Application checklist

All questions answered	
Evidence of residency status attached	
Current CV included	
Letter from employer supporting this application	
Evidence of education qualifications included (<i>if applicable</i>)	
Proof of current enrolment in ACECQA-approved course/units OR Proof of intention to enrol attached (<i>delete one</i>)	
Detailed expenditure proposal completed	
Statement on perceived relevance to the NQF included	
Declaration signed with actual signature	
Completed and signed Scholarship Application	

Declaration

I have read the 2026 Application Guidelines and understand that by signing this application, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Program.

I understand that the scholarships are allocated at the discretion of the ACT Education Directorate.

I confirm that I intend to continue working in the ACT's ECEC sector.

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true and correct.

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....