What is the Child Development Associate (CDA)?
The CDA is a national credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition to child care professionals who have successfully completed the CDA assessment process.

Who can get the scholarship and how much is it?
The CDA Assessment Scholarship is available to eligible child care professionals seeking to obtain the national CDA Credential. The scholarship pays 70 percent of the assessment fee and awards an educational stipend to those who successfully complete the assessment process and are awarded the CDA Credential. Additionally, those providers may become eligible for REWARD Oklahoma.

Note: Employees from school-age or federally funded child care programs are not eligible to participate in the scholarship.

What are the eligibility requirements?
- Work in a one-star or above OKDHS or tribal-licensed child care facility with a minimum of 10 percent subsidy children at time of application.
- Work as a teacher, family child care provider or director at least 30 hours per week earning $15.50 or less per hour.
- Complete Early Education: Pathway to CDA courses and obtain the Pathway Competency Certificate* or complete nine credit hours of child development or early childhood education college course work.
- Complete formal observation by CDA adviser.

*CDA training completed prior to March 31, 2007, will be accepted for the CDA Assessment Scholarship as long as training is within the last five years. Out-of-state CDA training is considered on a case-by-case basis.

For additional information, contact the scholar coordinator at your local community college or the Scholars Program office at 866.343.3881 (toll free) or 405.225.9155. Visit our website at www.okhighered.org/scholars.