## SCHOLARSHIP MATRIX

### Pathway to Your National Credential Matrix

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| **Scholarship** | Tuition & Fees: 70%  
Books: 100% | | Tuition & Fees: 30% |
| **Education** | Academic advisement for approved courses for these scholarship options:  
- Early Care and Education: Pathway to Your National Credential coursework  
  - CDA option  
  - CCP option | Be supportive of the child care provider in his/her educational endeavors, and if working with a scholar coordinator, allowing the scholar coordinator to meet with the scholar (child care provider) at the child care center or family child care home to better ensure his/her success in the Scholars program and courses enrolled. | Early Care and Education: Pathway to Your National Credential coursework at an approved technology center  
Successfully pass each unit.* |
| **Commitment** | Provide scholarship assistance, academic advising, moral support, and encouragement for a positive educational experience. | Provide moral support and encouragement to the scholar pursuing his/her educational goals in child development. | Successfully complete Pathway to Your National Credential and apply for the CDA or CCP credential. In return of scholarship assistance, remain employed at the child care facility for at least 6 months after concluding the program.  
As a member of the educated child care workforce, be a committed and engaged child care provider who actively works to improve the child care experience. |

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*Satisfactorily pass each Pathway unit. In the event a unit is not satisfactorily passed, agree to pay the cost for retaking the unit, and reimburse the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education $3.05 per clock hour.

Next steps, after completing Pathway:

1. **Assessment:** Apply for the national CDA or CCP credential. The Scholars program offers a CDA/CCP Assessment Scholarship to eligible child care providers, including those working at a one star facility.
2. **Director's Pathway:** a comprehensive child care administration program offered through the technology center. This training prepares providers for business management and leadership in child care settings.
3. **College:** With a current national CDA Credential or CCP Credential and successful completion of 12 credit hours at a community college, a minimum of 6 credit hours in child development may be awarded.

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Technology Center
Tuition Scholarship Application Checklist

Child care providers meeting Scholars program eligibility requirements, may apply for the scholarship by complete the following:

- Complete all information requested on the Tuition Scholarship Application
- Read, sign, and date the Informed Consent and Release of Information
- Read, sign, and date the Scholarship Agreement
- Provide verification of income:
  - Teachers and Directors – a copy of a current check stub indicating gross salary or hourly rate of pay and hours worked
  - Family Child Care Provider – complete a Verification of Income form

Return the completed application to the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program office at the address listed above.
PATHWAY TUITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of technology center you plan to attend: ________________________________

I plan to attend classes: □ Local technology center □ On-line □ Other ______________

Year you wish to begin: ______________ Semester: □ Fall (Aug.-Dec) □ Spring (Jan.-April) □ Summer (May-July)

Do you have previous clock hours towards your CDA? □ Yes □ No If yes, how many hours? __________

Social Security #: __________ Oklahoma Professional Development Registry Number: __________ Date of Birth: __________/________/________

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ MI: __________ Gender: □ Male □ Female

Home Mailing Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip Code: ___________________________

County of Residence: ___________________________ Home Phone: (________) ________ Cell Phone: (________) ________

E-mail Address: ___________________________

Credential to Pursue: □ Child Development Associate (CDA) □ Certified Childcare Professional (CCP)

Type of CDA Setting □ CDA, Center Based: Infant/Toddler □ CDA, Center Based: Preschool □ CDA, Family Child Care

Ethnic Origin: □ American Indian or Alaskan Native □ Asian or Pacific Islander □ Black, Non-Hispanic
□ Bi/Multi Racial □ Hispanic or Latino □ White, Non-Hispanic □ Nonresident Alien

High School Attended: ___________________________ Year of HS graduation/GED: ________ (4 digits)

Do you have previous college credit? □ Yes □ No If yes, within the last 5 year □ Yes □ No

Total College Credit Hours Earned: __________ Number of CD/ECE College Credit Hours Earned: __________

Facility Name: ___________________________ Supervisor’s Name: ___________________________ Facility Phone: (________) ________

Facility Mailing Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip Code: ___________________________

Type of Facility: □ Center □ Home Contract Number: ___________________________ License Number: ___________________________ Federal Tax ID Number: ___________________________

Employment Start Date: ___________________________ Star Rating: □ 1-star plus □ 2-star □ 3-star Licensed Capacity: __________ Total Enrolled: __________ DHS or Tribal Subsidy Children Enrolled: #________ ________%

Job Title: Family Child Care Home □ Family Child Care Home Provider (FCCP) □ Family Child Care Home Provider Assistant

Job Title: Child Care Center □ Director/Owner
□ Director/Employee
□ Master Teacher
□ Assistant Teacher
□ Pre-K

Hours Worked per Week: ___________________________ Hourly Wage: $________

Approved: ___________________________________________ Date ___________________________

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Informed Consent and Release of Information

I, ______________________________________ agree to participate in the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care (Scholars) program. I give my permission for all personal information, educational information, assessment, transcripts, class completion information, grades, billing, financial aid, and survey data to be collected throughout the course of my participation in the program to be used for evaluation, reporting, and research purposes and institutional transfer for the Scholars program and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Such information collected or produced as a result of participation in the Scholars program may be shared with the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the purpose of verifying compliance with Child Care Licensing requirements and with “Reaching for the Stars”. In addition, student specific information may be utilized by the DHS to evaluate the progress and success of students in determining the effectiveness of the initiative.

Student specific information may also be shared with the University of Oklahoma’s Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD) or the Oklahoma Department of Career and Education Technology (Career Tech) for the purpose of evaluating training needs and program evaluation for persons jointly participating in Scholars and other professional development initiatives offered by CECPD or Career Tech including, Child Care Careers, the Registry, Pathway or other general professional development activities.

_________________________________ is an equal opportunity institution, and complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act, and other federal laws and regulations. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures.

_____________________________  __________________________
Scholarship Applicant                      Date

Scholarship Grade Policy

Satisfactorily pass each unit. In the event the unit is not satisfactorily passed, agree to pay the cost for retaking the unit. The Scholars program will only pay for the individual units one time.

Note: If a scholar enrolls in or attends class before notice of scholarship approval has been given then the scholar may be solely responsible for tuition, fees, and curriculum materials.

_____________________________  __________________________
Scholarship Applicant                      Date
This agreement includes the child care provider, the child care facility, the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. In the event funds to finance this agreement become unavailable, either in part or in full, due to reduction in appropriations, this agreement may be modified or terminated and such notice will be provided in writing to the parties herein.

Section I:
Administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, will:

1. Pay the sum of $3.05 per clock hour for each unit (1-10) & pay 100% for the curriculum materials.

Section II:
I, ___________________________, meet and agree to maintain the following scholarship eligibility requirements:

- Employed at a licensed child care facility at least six months before beginning coursework
- Work in a one-star plus or above DHS licensed or military monitored or tribal monitored child care facility with 10 percent subsidy children at time of my application.
- Work as a teacher, family child care provider (caring for children other than my own) or a director working at least 30 hours per week earning $15.50 or less per hour
- Will be on a child development or early childhood education plan of study
- Agree to attend __________________________ technology center for Pathway.
- If a family child care provider, I am being paid to care for children other than my own.

and I further agree to the following:

1. Participate in the Scholars program beginning with the following term:
   - Fall 20______ (August–December)  
   - Spring 20______ (January–May)  
   - Summer 20______ (May–July)

2. Complete Early Education: Pathway to Your National Credential coursework within 10-12 months.

3. Remain enrolled in the Early Education: Pathway to Your National Credential program and pass the End of Instruction exam before transferring to the community college.

4. Satisfactorily pass each unit. The Scholars program will only pay for the individual units one time.

5. Pay the technology center $1.30 per clock hour for the cost of each unit, in accordance with the technology center payment policy.

6. Notify the scholarship program office of any changes in class schedule or employment status.

7. Remain employed, working 30 hours per week, at current child care facility to complete this one-year agreement.

This agreement may be modified in writing, and will remain in full force and effect as long as the scholarship applicant remains eligible for participation in the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program or at such time as the scholarship applicant decides not to continue his or her educational goals with the scholarship program.

I agree to the terms and conditions set forth above, and will adhere to all Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program policies. In addition I understand my scholarship will not be valid until I receive my official notification letter from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
Family Child Care Home Providers 
Verification of Income

In lieu of a check stub, for income documentation required for the scholarship application, family child care home providers may complete the Verification of Income form.

As a Department of Human Services, Child Care Services licensed Family Child Care Home participating in the “Reaching for the Stars” quality initiative, I, ____________________________________________, the family child care home provider declare that I am currently working at least 30 hours per week and I am being paid to care for children other than my own.

I understand that the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program reserves the right to request documented verification of income at any time during my scholarship agreement term.

Family Child Care Home Provider Signature   Date