



Early Care and Education Initiative (ECEI) Pathway Scholarship

The Early Care Education and Initiative Pathway (ECEI) is a partnership between Montgomery County, Montgomery College (MC), and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). The Early Care and Education Initiative (ECEI) awards tuition scholarships to individuals meeting all ECEI Pathway Scholarship Eligibility requirements. The Early Care and Education Initiative (ECEI) supports the childcare workforce in completing a career or degree pathway in early childhood education with **funding provided through the Montgomery County Early Care and Education Initiative**. For more information or application, email ECE.Pathway@montgomerycollege.edu

ECEI Pathway Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- Employed 20 hours or more in center-based childcare or family childcare located within Montgomery County.
- Pursuing the 45-hour Infant/Toddler Certificate, Child Development Associate (CDA) or majoring in the 1 Year Certificate, AAS or AAT degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Be Credentialed by Maryland State Department of Education Childcare Credentialing.
- Recipients are required to submit employment verification each semester and required to renew via an application process annually.

Program Benefits:

- Individualized academic advising with a Montgomery College Early Childhood faculty.
- One-one-one support with application process from the Montgomery College ECEI Program Coordinator.
- Direct tuition payment to Montgomery College for
 - MSDE approved 45 Hour Infant Toddler Certificate or courses leading to the Child Development Associate, CDA (noncredit)
 - Courses leading to the 1 Year Early Childhood Certificate (code 177), Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) in Early Childhood Education.
- Opportunity to apply for the scholarship throughout the year, including winter and summer semesters.

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Scholarship funding is contingent on approval and only while funding is available through the Montgomery County Early Care and Education Initiative.

