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Child Care Services Early Childhood Education (ECE) Scholarship Application

Intended Semester for Enrollment: ☐ Fall II 2026 ☐ Spring II 2027 ☐ Summer II 2027

Applicant Information

- Full Name: _____
 - AC Student ID #: _____
 - Email Address: _____
 - Phone Number: _____
 - Mailing Address: _____
 - City, State, Zip: _____
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Employment Information

- Current Employer (Child Care Center/Home): _____
- Child Care Phone No: _____ DFPS Provider License #: _____
- Job Title: _____
- Hours Worked per Week: _____
- Start Date at Current Center: _____
- Does your center have a current Child Care Services Agreement with Workforce Solutions Panhandle?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is your center a certified Texas Rising Star program or NAEYC Accredited?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Academic Information

- **Are you currently enrolled at Amarillo College?**
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - **Have you previously attended Amarillo College?**
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - **Degree Program:** ☐ Early Childhood Education ☐ Related Field: _____
 - **GPA (if available):** _____
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Essay/Personal Statement (*Max 500 words*)

Please describe your interest in early childhood education, your career goals, and how this scholarship will assist you in achieving them.

(Attach as a separate document or write below)

Experience & Involvement

Please check and provide a brief explanation for any of the following that apply:

☐ **Experience working with children (e.g., daycare, volunteer):**

→ *Description:* _____

☐ **Community service or volunteer work:**

→ *Description:* _____

☐ **Leadership roles (school, community, work):**

→ *Description:* _____

☐ **Financial need:**

→ *Description:* _____

References

Please provide contact information for two references who can speak to your character and commitment to early childhood education.

Name: _____ | **Relationship:** _____ |

Phone/Email: _____

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Scholarship Eligibility and Maintenance Requirements:

To remain eligible for this scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

1. **Academic Standing:** Maintain good academic standing as defined by Amarillo College.
2. **Course Performance:** Have no more than **three (3) failed classes** over the **previous two academic years**. If a class is failed while on scholarship WSP will not be able to pay for the class again.

3. **Progress Check:** Participate in a **mid-semester check-in** each term to review academic progress and ensure continued eligibility.

Submission Instructions

You will be required to submit a copy of your student statement which includes a list of classes and the tuition amount along with a copy of your unofficial Amarillo College transcript (if you are a returning Amarillo College student).

*****Failure to meet this requirement will result in denial of application*****

The approved scholarship includes tuition, books, and any additional fees associated with enrollment. Voucher is based on the submitted schedule and once a voucher has been issued, the recipient may not change classes or use the voucher to purchase any other book/material that is not included in the voucher without express permission from Workforce Solutions Panhandle.

Note: Submission of complete application and supporting documentation DOES NOT guarantee scholarship award.

Signature & Certification -The applicant's signature grants permission for WSP and Amarillo College to discuss and share any enrollment participation information.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director/Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Upon approval, you may be asked to sign a voucher to ensure direct payment from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is made to Amarillo College.

To ensure academic success, develop a comprehensive action plan to include the following:

- **Regular Check-Ins: example:** I will schedule bi-weekly meetings with my academic advisor to monitor my progress, discuss any challenges, and receive guidance on improving my academic standing.

Plan: _____

- **Study Schedule: example:** I have established a structured study routine, dedicating [specific hours] each week to coursework and revision, ensuring consistent academic engagement.

Plan: _____

- **Tutoring and Academic Support:** I will utilize campus resources, such as the tutoring center and writing lab, to seek assistance in subjects where I have previously struggled.

Plan: _____

- **Health and Well-being:** I am committed to maintaining my health by [mention any health-related actions, such as attending counseling sessions, regular exercise, or seeking medical treatment].

Plan: _____

- **Course Load Management:** I will limit myself to [specific number] of courses per semester to ensure manageable workload and prevent academic overload.

Plan: _____

Point-Based Evaluation Criteria (For Office Use Only)

Criteria	Max Points	Score
Essay/Personal Statement	20	_____
Relevant Experience with Children	20	_____
Demonstrated Commitment to Education Field	15	_____
Financial Need	15	_____
Academic Performance	10	_____
Action Plan	10	_____
Reference Strength	10	_____
Total Possible Points	100	_____