

South Dakota Pathways Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements

South Dakota CDA Training Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Must work in a state registered or licensed program
- ✓ Must be a participant on the Pathways Career Lattice
- ✓ Applicant's Total Gross Household income must be less than 85% of State Median Income Guidelines (*see income eligibility guidelines on the following page*)
- ✓ The applicant must be enrolled in the SDCDA Training Program or online CDA Training through Smart Horizons

South Dakota Infant/Toddler Certificate Program Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Must work in a state registered or licensed program
- ✓ Must be a participant on the Pathways Career Lattice
- ✓ Applicant's Total Gross Household income must be less than 85% of State Median Income Guidelines (*see income eligibility guidelines on the following page*)
- ✓ The applicant must have completed the 20-hr Infant/Toddler Entry Level Series.
- ✓ The applicant must be enrolled in the SDCDA Training Program Child Growth and Development series.

South Dakota CDA Assessment Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Must work in a state registered or licensed program
- ✓ Must be a participant on the Pathways Career Lattice
- ✓ Applicant's Total Gross Household income must be less than 85% of State Median Income Guidelines (*see income eligibility guidelines on the following page*)
- ✓ The applicant must have completed at least 90 hours of SDCDA Training and be able to complete the required 120 hours of training within the next three months
- ✓ Applicant must have completed at least 75% of the Professional Portfolio
- ✓ Submit completed CDA Trainer Reference Form completed by SDCDA Training Contact

2018-2019 Income Guidelines

85% of State Median Income Guidelines

(Effective 10-1-18 to 9-30-19)

Family Size	Maximum Monthly Income	FPI	Maximum Yearly Income
Family of 1	\$2,972	294%	\$35,664
Family of 2	\$3,884	285%	\$46,664
Family of 3	\$4,801	277%	\$57,612
Family of 4	\$5,715	273%	\$68,580
Family of 5	\$6,630	270%	\$79,560
Family of 6	\$7,544	268%	\$90,528
Family of 7	\$7,716	243%	\$92,592
Family of 8	\$7,887	223%	\$94,644
Family of 9	\$8,059	207%	\$96,708
Family of 10	\$8,235	194%	\$98,760
Family of 11	\$8,402	182%	\$100,824
Family of 12	\$8,573	172%	\$102,876
Family of 13	\$8,745	164%	\$104,940
Family of 14	\$8,916	157%	\$106,992
Families with additional members, contact your ECE regional office.			

Not Applicable for 2023
Income verification is waived.



South Dakota Pathways Scholarship Application

Personal Contact Information

Please print or type your answers. Read each question and answer it fully. Attach an additional sheet if you need more space.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Employer Address: _____

Job Title: _____ Work Phone: _____

Training Scholarship Request

Please identify which scholarship program you are applying for:

- **South Dakota Child Development Associate (SDCDA) Training Scholarship (*Check One*)**
 - SD Infant Toddler Certificate Program*
 - SD CDA Training Program – Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE)*
 - Online CDA Training Program – Smart Horizons*

The SDCDA Training Project provides early childhood professional training and mentorship for individuals who work with children and consists of adult education programs located throughout the state. The SDCDA Training Scholarship is based on household income.

- South Dakota Child Development Associate (SDCDA) Assessment Scholarship**
When all training hours are completed, the child care provider is eligible to complete an application for assessment with the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. The CDA is a nationally-recognized early childhood professional credential. CDA Students specialize and complete the credential procedures in one of the following areas: Preschool Center-Based, Infant/Toddler Center-Based or Family Child Care.

NOTE: *In addition to submitting the SDCDA Assessment Applicants for the SDCDA Assessment Scholarship are required to submit a completed CDA Trainer Reference Form with their application.*

Family Size and Income

All scholarship applicants are required to meet income eligibility guidelines. Guidelines are based on **family income and family size**, not individual applicant income. Income sources include, but are not limited to:

Earned Income: Salary, wages, tips, work study payments

Unearned Income: Pensions, retirement, child support, alimony, Social Security, Veteran's benefits, and rental income.

REQUIRED VERIFICATION: In order to verify your income, please fill in the following financial information for you or your household and include copies of your last two paystubs, **OR** signed statement from your employer indicating the number of hours you work per week and your rate of pay **OR** a copy of last year's complete Federal Income Tax Return.

Family Size: _____ **Married** _____ **Single** _____

Monthly gross family income from employment:	\$ _____
Monthly net profit from self-employment * <i>Depreciation is considered countable income</i>	\$ _____
Monthly gross child support income	\$ _____
Monthly gross alimony income	\$ _____
All other monthly income sources	\$ _____

Please still fill out the above information

Work Experience

- How many years have you worked professionally with young children? _____
- Describe your professional history working with young children, including your current responsibilities:
- How many children are in your direct care at this time? _____
- What age range of children do you care for? _____ to _____

5. What type of early childhood program are you currently working in?
- Family Child Care Home (up to 12 children)
 - Group Family Child Care (12– 20 children)
 - Child Care Center (more than 20 children)
 - Head Start
 - Other: _____
6. Is your program licensed or registered by the South Dakota Department of Social Services?
- Yes No
7. Number of children your program serves:
- _____ infants between the ages of 4 weeks and 1 year
 - _____ mobile infants & toddlers between the ages of 1 year and 3 years
 - _____ preschool children between the ages of 3 years and 5 years
 - _____ school-age children between the ages of 5 years and 12 years
 - _____ Total # of children served by your program

Professional Declaration & References

1. All scholarship applicants are required to participate in the SD Pathways to Professional Development Career Lattice.

Are you currently participating in the South Dakota Pathways to Professional Development program?

- Yes**, Pathways ID # _____
- No** (*Please attach completed Pathways application with all verifications*)

2. What Child Development Associate (CDA) setting will you be working towards?

- Infant-Toddler Center Based
- Preschool Center Based
- Family Child Care
- Home Visitor

3. Do you expect to experience any of the following professional growth changes as a result of your participation in the SD Pathways Scholarship Program?

Salary increase from my current salary of \$ _____ to \$ _____

Advancement to a new position (please describe):

Improved professional recognition (please describe):

Other (please describe):

4. Additional information you would like to share in relation to your request for acceptance into the Pathways Scholarship Program:

I declare and affirm to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided herein is true and correct. Training funds attained under false pretenses are subject to immediate recoupment.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

Mail your completed application form with required verifications to the following address:

**Devison of Child Care
Attn. Melissa Fluckey
3900 W. Technology Circle, Ste 1
Sioux Falls, SD 57106**