

South Dakota Child Development Associate CRSSA Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity to complete the South Dakota Child Development Associate (SDCDA) Training Program is supported by funds from the Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) by the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Child Care Services in partnership with the South Dakota Early Childhood Enrichment (ECE) system.

By signing below and starting the SDCDA program, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

- Maintain employment in a registered family child care or a licensed child care program with the South Dakota Department of Social Services.
- Actively participate in 120 hours of professional education in the eight CDA subject areas.
 - 80 hours in class instruction and 40 hours of outside class work
- Be prepared for class time by completing the required reading and workbook assignments.
 - Failure to meet class requirements may result in loss of scholarship.
- Complete a Professional Portfolio, which includes:
 - Transcripts, certificates, and letters that document my professional education
 - Family Questionnaires
 - Reflective Competency Statements
 - Resource Collection
 - Professional Philosophy Statement
- Complete 480 hours of experience working with children at the age level I am applying for, within three years of submitting my application.
- Complete and submit all application requirements for the South Dakota Pathways to Professional Development with the Department of Social Services.

To obtain my Child Development Associate Credential, I understand my responsibility of completing the following:

- Identifying a CDA Professional Development Specialist.
- Completing the Council's application for the CDA Credential.
- Successfully completing the CDA Exam.
- Participating in a Verification visit conducted by a CDA Professional Development Specialist.

Lastly, I understand that it is my responsibility to renew my CDA Credential every three years to maintain this nationally recognized credential in early childhood education.

Print Name

Child Care Program

Signature

Date

Director's Signature

Date