

ECE Educator Financial Support

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STIPENDS

Free ECE 101 & 103 Classes for Students

- Within two weeks from census, IHEs send Excel & PDF invoice for in-state students* for ECE 101/103 classes to:
ECE_accounting@dhe.state.co.us
- CDHE sends funds to cover up to in-state tuition + course-related fees (online & in person). Contact [CDHE](#) for immigrant/refugee VISA students.
- IHE's direct out-of-state students working in Colorado early childhood program to [submit an appeal here](#). Appeals are due within six weeks of the start of each course.
- Program FAQ can be found [here](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS

For ECE students to pursue dedicated coursework, certificates & degrees up to a master's

- IHEs will receive a block grant from CDHE to distribute to current & new students who qualify
- Program guidelines and reporting requirements will be communicated when funds are distributed
- Scholarships are NOT need-based
- Tuition, fees & other course-related costs are eligible



LOAN FORGIVENESS

For ECE Educators to be reimbursed for Federal Loans Educators apply directly to CDHE vendor (tuition.io) for loan forgiveness

- First round of applications will remain open until June 1, 2022
- Applicants must be currently employed in a [licensed childcare program](#)
- Applicants may receive up to \$5,000 in loan forgiveness annually
- Applicants must register with [PDIS](#) (FREE) to qualify for program
- This program is funded for two years

CDHS' spending priorities are based on feedback from over 2,300 child care providers, families, and other stakeholders, as well as ongoing data collection on needs during the pandemic. The strategies focus on strengthening and expanding the early childhood sector in Colorado, to ensure all children have access to high quality child care.



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