

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) ASSESSMENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for you if you work in a child care center, group home or family home and have completed the requirements for the **Child Development Associate (CDA)**. This scholarship helps with the assessment fee charged by the Council for Professional Recognition. The CDA is a nationally recognized credential that requires 480 hours of experience working with children within the last three years and 120 clock hours of training. These 120 clock hours of training can be obtained at community colleges or through other training organizations.

\*TEACH Early Childhood® Michigan is a licensed program of Early Years.

## 1. Prepare to Apply:

- Receive high school diploma or equivalent.
- Complete 120 clock hours of formal training (community-based or college credit training).\*
- Complete 480 hours of work experience in desired setting from the Council for Professional Recognition. <u>CDACouncil.org.</u>
- Put together your professional portfolio.
  - » \*TEACH can help cover cost of CDA training taken for college credit.

## 2. Apply to the Council for Prof. Recognition:

- Select a Professional Development Specialist.
- Complete the CDA application at <u>CDACouncil.org</u> up until the payment portion.
- Print e-mail received from the council indicating payment is due.

## 3. Apply for TEACH scholarship:

- Fill out the **TEACH application** and submit to the **TEACH** office **along with**:
  - » Completed Employer Verification Form.
  - » Copy of email from info@cdacouncil.org indicating payment is due with Customer ID# visible.

- Once accepted into the scholarship, you will be sent a contract to sign and return.
- Candidate payment portion: If your place of employment has moved beyond maintaining health and safety in Great Start to Quality's Quality Improvement Process, your Quality Improvement Stipend will cover the candidate portion due and you will not receive an invoice from TEACH. If not, you will receive an invoice for 15% of the assessment fee.
- Once your candidate portion is paid, TEACH will authorize payment to the council and you will receive an email from info@cdacouncil.com with your Payment Voucher Number.\*
  - \*You MUST enter your Payment Voucher Number in your council application to receive your Ready to Schedule notice.

## 4. Observation/Exam

- Receive Ready to Schedule notice and complete the following:
  - » Schedule and complete observation from a Professional Development Specialist.
  - » Schedule and take the CDA Exam at a Pearson Vue Testing Site.

#### 5. Receive CDA Credential

 Submit a copy of your credential to TEACH to receive your bonus.

## APPLY NOW!



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## MI-YDA (MICHIGAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE) CREDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for you if you work in a licensed program and have completed the requirements for the MI-YDA Credential. This scholarship helps pay for the assessment fee charged by the Michigan Youth Development Associate Credentialing Program. The Michigan Youth Development Associate (MI-YDA) is a credential that requires 480 hours of work/volunteer experience with youth in out-of-school-time programs and 120 clock hours of training within the last five years. These 120 clock hours of training can be obtained at community colleges or through other training organizations.

## 1. Prepare to Apply:

The applicant must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be **18 or older** with a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Provide documentation of current first aid and adult/child CPR certification and blood-borne pathogen training (not included in 120 hours of training required below).
- Three hours of program observation must be completed and documented.
- Complete 120 clock hours of formal training (community-based or college credit training).\*
- Complete 480 hours of work experience with youth in out-of-school-time programs within the last five years.
- Provide documentation of membership in the Michigan After-School Partnership (MASP) or National Afterschool Associate (NAA).
  - \*TEACH can help cover cost of training taken for college credit.

## 2. Register to Begin the MI YDA:

- Visit <u>MI-YDA.org</u> to create a password for your personal email\* account, which will become your username.
- Log in and Apply Now, complete the candidate information and use the dashboard portal and essential documents to upload and complete requirements.

- Apply for the TEACH MI-YDA scholarship OR submit electronic payment of \$299 by selecting Pay Now in your Candidate Dashboard.
- Complete the Assessment.
- Upload copies of training, CPR/first aid, blood-borne pathogen training and ID, then submit Credential Application.
- Receive email confirmation and an External Assessor will contact you to conduct an on-site observation.

## 3. Apply for TEACH Scholarship

- Complete TEACH Scholarship Mi-YDA
   Application at <u>miaeyc.org</u> and submit:
  - » Completed Employer Verification Form.
  - » Receipt of payment for MI-YDA credential for reimbursement of 85% of credential fee OR screenshot/saved copy of your MI-YDA dashboard showing your completion of all portions of the credential process and readiness to take the exam.
- Sign and return contract.
- Submit a copy of credential to TEACH to receive a \$200 bonus.
- Remain in the early childhood education. or out-of-school-time field for six months upon completion of scholarship.

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