

# 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 [MI-YDA.org](http://MI-YDA.org) 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 [miaeyc.org](http://miaeyc.org) 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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**APPLY NOW!**

