



## OKAEYC Accreditation Scholarship Guidelines

### 1. Award Description

The Accreditation Scholarship is given to programs that have demonstrated an ability or willingness to meet the standards associated with NAEYC Accreditation. This scholarship is intended to help deserving programs have the opportunity to pursue or maintain Accreditation by receiving financial assistance.

### 2. Award Distribution

In addition to receiving a financial award to help defray the cost of NAEYC Accreditation fees, an Accreditation Specialist will work with the program to answer questions that may arise concerning NAEYC Accreditation. The number of awards provided depends on available annual funding. Applications are reviewed by the Accreditation Scholarship committee and are presented to the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma (ECAO) Board for final approval. Applications will be reviewed three times a year corresponding with the [General submission](#) dates set forth by NAEYC. Notification will be sent at least 60 days prior to the next submission date to allow funds to be available to the recipient before the due date.

### 3. Nominations

Those submitting an application should be able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge of the NAEYC [Accreditation Process and Requirements](#)
- List SMART(Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) goals for meeting the [NAEYC 10 Standards](#)
- Have a working knowledge of the [NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct](#).

### 4. Requirements

Those wishing to apply must:

- Be an ECAO member
- Be in good standing with state licensing and have a minimum of a two star status

### 5. Restrictions

Programs may only apply for one scholarship per year. For example, if you are applying for scholarship for Application/Self-Study you may not also apply for a scholarship for Candidacy within that same year.

### 6. Recognition

Recipients will be recognized in our newsletter and may be asked to provide a follow up statement to highlight how the funds helped the program.

### 7. Application

It is preferable to e-mail your application to [okaeyc@gmail.com](mailto:okaeyc@gmail.com). If you must send by mail, download the application and fill out by hand (attaching essays, reference letters, nomination letters, etc.), and mail to:

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