

Early Childhood Teacher Scholarships for Pathway Students

Guidelines for Employers

Background

The Early Childhood Teacher Scholarships for Pathway Students scheme was developed to increase Victorian children's access to a quality kindergarten program in the year before they commence school. Many children miss out on a kindergarten program because they attend a long day care centre which does not employ a qualified early childhood teacher. This scheme provides scholarships to staff currently working in long day care centres to encourage them to upgrade their qualifications and become early childhood teachers.

There are limited scholarships available in 2009/10. Staff currently employed in long day care centres who hold a Diploma in Children's Services (or equivalent) are eligible to apply. Scholarship recipients will be required to enter into an agreement to work for a minimum of two years as an early childhood teacher in a funded kindergarten program in a long day care centre upon graduation.

Employer Entitlements

Employers are eligible to receive reimbursement of costs associated with time release for up to 20 days for scholarship recipients to undertake study requirements.

In order for scholarship recipients to access a variety of educational influences and practicum experiences, placements must be undertaken in a service other than those owned or managed by the employer.



Employer Requirements

In order for staff in your service to participate in the scholarship scheme you must indicate that you support their application, including providing access to the time release that will be required. You will also be required to provide a statement regarding how your service reflects and supports the child in the context of the family, culture and community.





Employer Form

Please complete and sign the following form

Indicate your support for the applicant's participation in the scholarship scheme

Indicate how your service provides educational programs that reflect the child in the context of family, culture and community

Employer's Signature

Name

Position

Signature

Date

