

# Academic Scholarships for college in 4 steps

# 1

## Determine your eligibility for DECAL Scholars.

You may be eligible if you've been employed for at least 6 months, working at least 30 hours per week at a Department of Defense or DECAL-licensed child care center, family child care learning home, exempt Head Start Center, or a Georgia Lottery-funded Pre-K (or 15 hours per week at a DECAL-licensed before/after school program). Learn more at [bit.ly/SCHOLARSHIPS4COLLEGE](https://bit.ly/SCHOLARSHIPS4COLLEGE).

# 2

## Apply for financial aid.

Before applying to DECAL Scholars, you must first check eligibility or show proof of ineligibility for financial aid programs. Refer to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and [gafutures.org](https://gafutures.org) for complete information and deadlines.

# 3

## Apply and receive acceptance to an eligible program of study at a Georgia college/university.

### Credential/degree:

- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC)
- Technical College Diploma (TCD)
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's Degree

### Program of study:

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Program Administration
- Elementary Education (Pre-K - 5)
- Infant/Toddler Care
- Child Development

# 4

## Apply to DECAL Scholars 60 days before each semester starts.

### Tuition & fees paid to the college after any financial aid each semester:

- Up to 80% at public colleges
- Up to \$2,496 at private colleges

### Support stipend paid directly to you after each semester's add/drop period:

- Support stipend of \$250 for 1-3 credit hours or \$500 for 4(+) credit hours

## Substitute stipends available

Once approved by DECAL Scholars and you begin your classes, your director can submit a substitute stipend log to receive \$15/hour (up to \$1,500 per semester) to cover the cost of substitute teachers while you're away for classes, studying, and exams.

You can find the log at [bit.ly/SUBSTIPEND](https://bit.ly/SUBSTIPEND).



SCAN THE QR CODE  
to check your eligibility  
& apply today!

PREFER TO CALL?  
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Speak to a friendly team member