

Academic Scholarships for college in 4 steps

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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 after school program). Learn more at outreach.decalscholars.com/collegescholarships.

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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 and gafutures.org for complete information and deadlines.

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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

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Apply to DECAL Scholars up to 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 outreach.decalscholars.com/substipend.



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

PREFER TO CALL?
770-642-6722 (ext. 602)
Speak to a friendly team member