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PROGRAM CHANGES

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE & MONTESSORI PROGRAM CREDENTIAL

- The **Academic Scholarships program will not accept new Master's Degree applicants** after October 1, 2024
- Eligibility changes effective October 1, 2024: Early childhood educators must remain employed with an eligible employer for **6 months** and work a minimum of **30 hours per week** (or a minimum of **15 hours per week** for those working in before/after school programs licensed by DECAL)
- The **Academic Scholarships POWER-ED wage supplement program will end** at the conclusion of the Fall 2024 semester

CDA SCHOLARSHIPS

- CDA Training Scholarships will cover up to **\$500 of the cost of CDA Training** after October 1, 2024
- Eligibility changes effective October 1, 2024: Early childhood educators must remain employed with an eligible employer for **6 months** and work a minimum of **30 hours per week** (or a minimum of **15 hours per week** for those working in before/after school programs licensed by DECAL)

INCENTIVES

- Eligibility will remain the same in 2024, but will change effective in 2025: Early childhood educators must work a minimum of **30 hours per week** (or a minimum of **15 hours per week** for those working in before/after school programs licensed by DECAL)
- Effective in 2025, the Incentives award will be **\$1,000 annually for all approved applicants**