

First Things First College Scholarship Terms of Agreement

By completing this application process, I have read and agree to the Terms of Agreement of the First Things First (FTF) Scholarship Program outlined below and understand that scholarship assistance is guaranteed only when approved and for the specified period of time. In addition, the approval of my scholarship request is based on the availability of funds and the priorities set by the funding agencies and organizations.

Release of Information and Consent for Scholar Information – Associate and Bachelor Degree Scholarships:

- I am the minimum age as defined by the college acceptance policy.
- I am an Arizona Resident
- I have applied for other forms of financial aid and have completed a Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. I acknowledge that these funds will be applied to my education prior to the FTF College Scholarship.
- I will submit proof of my completed FAFSA application.
- I will submit an updated Education Plan with my advisor's signature.
- I will provide to Arizona PBS my current course registration and unofficial transcripts from the institution I am attending.
- I will provide my course fees to Arizona PBS.
- I will provide my book costs to Arizona PBS.
- I will comply with all reporting requirements as requested by Arizona PBS.

Release of Information and Consent for Scholar Information – CCEI CDA Pathway Scholarships:

- I am the minimum age as defined by the college acceptance policy.
- I am an Arizona Resident
- I will submit to Arizona PBS a copy of either my high school diploma/GED or unofficial transcripts
- I will submit to Arizona PBS a signed Technology Package Agreement form
- I will comply with all reporting requirements as requested by Arizona PBS.
- I give permission to Arizona PBS to track my progress throughout my completion of the CCEI CDA Pathway

Release of Information and Consent for Scholar Information – CDA Assessment Fee Scholarships:

- I am an Arizona Resident
- If applying for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Assessment Fee Scholarship (initial or renewal), I give permission for the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry to receive my CDA Assessment results from the Council for Professional Recognition.
- If my scholarship is funded by a First Things First Regional Partnership Council, my name and contact information may be shared with that Council.

Commitments of First Things First (FTF) Associate and Bachelor Scholars:

- I will show continual progress toward the completion of my education pathway through enrollment with a minimum of 3 credits per semester (Fall and Spring) during the receipt of this

FTF Scholarship.

- Scholars agree to earn a grade of C or better in every course funded by the FTF Scholarship and agree to follow institution specific policies for timely withdrawal from courses. Scholars will retake a course with their own funds for:
 - Every course funded by the FTF Scholarship where a grade of C or below was earned;
And
 - Any course funded by the FTF Scholarship when a scholar withdraws from a course after the final drop date to receive a refund as determined by the institution.
- I will send unofficial transcripts to Arizona PBS upon completion of the current semester.
- I will update my profile in the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry and send in official transcripts for Workforce Lattice Level alignment.
- Scholars will be required to repay the funds used to support educational attainment if the service requirement is not completed.

Commitments of First Year Scholars:

- I will participate in FTF Early Childhood Every Day training or Health and Safety Specialist training offered through the Registry.
- I will complete my service commitment to the field of Early Childhood Education as outlined in the FTF Standards of Practice.

***If any of the choices listed above are unavailable, you may choose from one of the options listed below.**

Commitments of Second Year Scholars:

Commitment to a minimum of one of the following in the second year and each year thereafter:

- Conduct an FTF Early Childhood Every Day training presentation.
- Mentor a new FTF College Scholarships Scholar in their first year of college coursework.
- Attend a FTF Regional Partnership Council meeting and present your educational story.
- Work with the college scholarship administrative home to present the scholarship program at a local conference or in the community.
- Identify an activity that contributes in a meaningful way to the field as approved by the administrative home (e.g. professional association volunteer work, volunteer for community early childhood events, volunteer to support early childhood system efforts such as Read on Arizona).

FTF College Scholars Service Commitments:

Scholars are required to complete a service commitment to the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce according to the following criteria:

- a) Commence immediately after the completion of the degree or credential;
- b) Must be completed within two years for CDA or associate degree or four years for a bachelor's

degree;

- c) Must be completed within Arizona if statewide funding is used, or within the Region that provides the funding if the funding used is Region specific;
- d) Scholars will commit to paid work or volunteering with or on behalf of children birth to age five, not yet in kindergarten, as indicated by type of degree or credential earned:
 - i) 1040 hours (equivalent to 6 months full-time) for a CDA Credential;
 - ii) 2080 hours (equivalent to 1 year full-time) for an associate degree; or
 - iii) 4160 hours (equivalent to 2 years full-time) for a bachelor's degree.
- e) Scholars will be required to repay the funds used to support educational attainment if the service requirement is not completed; and
- f) Scholars must show continual progress towards the completion of their education pathway through enrollment in a minimum of three credit hours per semester (Fall and Spring) except in instances when a course with lesser credit hours is the only course needed in a particular semester.