



## EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin (F5SJ) support expansion of the workforce development in the Early Care and Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD) field. Recent high school graduates are encouraged to choose the ECE field and help care and guide the learning for the youngest of children. Similarly, those who would like to embark on a new career path are encouraged to choose ECE field and discover a passion for working with young children. In support of this work, Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin will support new students in improving and expanding knowledge and professionalism in the fields of ECE, CD or Family Childcare. College coursework is an integral piece of professional learning. Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin support making this quality investment through a reimbursement scholarship process.

Funding is available to new students entering the ECE field and who are working toward degrees in **Early Childhood Education or Child Development**. This application is specific only to new students entering the ECE field of study in San Joaquin County.

- Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin ECE Scholarship Awards support costs associated with eligible college coursework applicable to ECE or CD majors and related expenses, e.g., books, technical online fees, etc. but does not include costs associated with completing Teaching Credentials.
- Degree tracks must be in the ECE or CD.
- Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin ECE Scholarship Awards are distributed on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to available funds.
- Awards are considered in Academic years, which typically begin in August or September and conclude in June of the following year.
- The maximum amount awarded is \$500.00 per class (BA level), up to four classes per year(see details below).
- Please note: Consult a professional regarding tax reporting responsibilities.

Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin Early Care and Education Scholarship process must be completed in three phases. These phases are detailed below.

### Phase 1: Units/College Coursework and Enrollment

1. Enroll in coursework at an accredited college (i.e., San Joaquin Delta College, CSUS, UOP, Brandman University, National University and more).
2. Submit a complete and signed application packet (including proof of course registration and/or enrollment at an accredited institution and a completed W-9 form and proof of a declared major).

Applications may be mailed to: First 5 San Joaquin  
P.O. Box 201056  
Stockton, CA 95201-3006  
ATTN: F5SJ ECE Scholarship

faxed to: (209) 932-2675

or submitted electronically to: [sjckids@sjgov.org](mailto:sjckids@sjgov.org)

\*incomplete applications will not be considered

## Phase 2: Units/College Coursework Completion

1. Complete all required assignments throughout the semester.
2. **Successful completion of college coursework, with a final grade of "C" or better is required before moving to Phase 3.**

## Phase 3: Reimbursement

1. Submit a copy of your grade report or unofficial transcript demonstrating successful completion of coursework with a grade of "C" or better within three weeks of course completion.

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2. After review and upon approval by Stockton Scholars and First 5 San Joaquin, reimbursement scholarship will be processed. (Please allow up to 45 days for processing and mailing of payment.)

AWARD CATEGORIES	
A	B
<b>Lower Division AA/AS</b>	<b>Upper Division, BA/BS track classes</b>
\$300/class, up to \$1,200 per academic year	\$500/class, up to \$2,000 per academic year
Applicant must show proof of registration and enrollment in a n accredited college or university.	

