Early Childhood Educators Scholarship

to recognize the contributions of Diane Stout in the area of early childhood education and to provide education resources to students who are pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood or a childcare director qualification

The Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Fund is inspired by Diane Stout. Diane dedicated her career to working with children and their families. She served as Executive Director of Circles of Learning from September 1980 to March 2013 when her sudden and unexpected death shocked the child care community.

In addition to being a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother, Diane worked tirelessly on behalf of working families in Illinois to ensure that all children had access to excellent early childhood experiences. Diane had high expectations for child care programs. She was devoted to further her students’ education to expand their early childhood knowledge and strive for high quality programming.

**Applicant must:**

- Be pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in early childhood education or a childcare director qualification.

Past recipients may re-apply.

**Deadline:** February 1

**TO APPLY:** Visit cfnil.org/scholarships and follow the instructions under “How to Register & Apply”.

When you’re ready, look for the 🌐 Application Portal link to start your application.

CFNIL’s online application will automatically match you to every one of CFNIL’s 90+ scholarships for which you are eligible. CFNIL awards more than $300,000 in scholarships every year. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1.

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