



NCCDI Policy Council Community Development Fund Scholarship Program 2018-2019

Purpose

Northern California Child Development Inc. (NCCDI) has served children and families in Tehama County since 1965, for the purpose of preparing low-income children to be ready for school and maintaining academic success throughout their academic career. Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded programs established to provide comprehensive early childhood services in the core areas of early learning, health, and family well-being to prepare children for school. Since 1965, NCCDI has operated Head Start in Tehama County to serve 3- and 4-year old children. In 2009, NCCDI began operating Early Head Start to serve infants and toddlers. NCCDI's Policy Council comprised of current/former Head Start and Early Head Start parents and community representatives are responsible for planning and oversight of our Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Each year, NCCDI sets aside a portion of its budget as Community Engagement Funds to give back to the community of Tehama County. This year the NCCDI Policy Council has decided to use these funds to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are alumni of a Head Start program and are planning to continue their education in a college, university or technical school setting.

The NCCDI Policy Council Community Development Scholarship program is to recognize the alumni of Head Start in academic achievement and school and community involvement. Our goal is to encourage high school seniors to pursue postsecondary education in a public or non-public college, university, or technical school. The Scholarships range from \$250 to \$500 depending on the number of accepted applications. This is a competitive scholarship.

The scholarship may be used to directly reimburse tuition and other costs and fees associated with postsecondary education. Scholarship recipients will be honored at the award ceremony at their high school.

Eligibility

Applicants must be high school graduates that are alumni of a Head Start or Early Head Start program, who intend to enroll in postsecondary institution, which may be a public or non-public university, college, or technical school. Applicants must be able to provide information regarding the location and year of the HS/EHS program they attended as a pre-school child.



Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on their application, academic achievement, school and community involvement, and written essay.

Applicants will be evaluated on ability to articulate goals in four areas: future educational goals, community service goals, personal goals, and career goals.

Upon selection the recipient is required to write a short letter of thanks to the NCCDI Policy Council. The Policy Council will enjoy learning more about you and how the scholarship has helped you. The recipient's thank you should be sent to NCCDI, 220 Sycamore Street, Suite 200, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Application Process

Each student must:

1. Complete a NCCDI Policy Council Community Development Fund Scholarship application, contact your school counselor for an application.
2. Have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (provide unofficial transcripts)
3. Submit an written essay (no more than two pages) stating:
 - a. Where and when they attended Head Start/Early Head Start as a child, and the memories and benefits they've received from the program
 - b. What their educational and career goals are
 - c. What community service they have performed
 - d. Future community service goals
4. Provide a current photo (and photo of your Head Start/Early Head Start experience, if available). Submission of your photo grants NCCDI permission to include it in any media publicity as appropriate.
5. Once enrolled, provide evidence of enrollment at an institute of higher learning

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate and score all eligible scholarship applications based on established criteria. Essays will be scored based on completeness and organization.

If for any reason the scholarship award cannot be used as requested, or if a student drops his or her college courses for any reason, any unused portion of the scholarship award must be returned directly to NCCDI, Attention: Kelly May. All scholarship awards must be claimed within 120 days of award date or they will be forfeited.



Scoring

The NCCDI Policy Council Community Development Fund application scoring system uses a point system for each of the following criteria: application (10 possible points), academic achievement (10 possible points), school and community involvement (10 possible points), and overall written essay (20 possible points), which should include where and when they attended Head Start or Early Head Start as a child and benefits received from the program, future educational goals, community service performed, future community/society service goals, personal life goals and career goals.

Before the review meeting, assigned reviewers will determine preliminary scores for each of the scored review criteria and a preliminary overall score for each applicant. The scholarship Committee will then meet as a group to review all the students' Applications. The scores will assist the Committee in the selection process of the scholarship winners.

All decisions of the Scholarship are final.

Deadline for the application is May 24, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. Postmarks **will not** be accepted. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned. No emailed or incomplete applications will be considered.

Mail or submit application in person to:

Northern California Child Development, Inc.
Policy Council Community Development Scholarship Fund
220 Sycamore Street, Suite 200
Red Bluff, CA 96080
Attention: Mike Lindsey

Press releases regarding the scholarship recipients will be sent to appropriate media upon selection of recipients. Recipients will also be listed on the Northern California Child Development, Inc. website.

If you have any questions contact Mike Lindsey at (530) 529-1500 ext. 1114.