

**Grant & Scholarship Opportunities Available for Individuals
in Early Childhood Education
July 2022**

TIME-LIMITED GRANTS (Please check with your institute of higher education financial aid office for additional grants and scholarships they may be offering.):

Name of Grant	Sponsoring Organization	Eligibility	Description	Prerequisites	Contact
802 Opportunity	VSAC	Vermont families with incomes of less than \$75,000 as reported on the FAFSA who are attending CCV in a degree program.	802 Opportunity will fill any remaining gap between Pell, Vt State Grant and the full cost of tuition plus the \$100/semester administrative fee for VT eligible families attending CCV in FY'22 or FY'23.	Complete an application for a Vermont State grant including the FAFSA and the Vt grant application.	www.vsac.org/free-tuition-ccv-yes-really
Welcome Home	Vermont State Colleges (CU, CCV, NVU, VTC)	Students transferring from an out-of-state institution, OR Students that exited or were granted a leave of absence from any institution between March 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021.	Up to \$5,000 per year for full-time students, and \$3,000 per year for students taking between 6-11 credits.		Yourfuture.vsc.edu, or the VSC institution of choice.
Degree Completion	Vermont State Colleges (CU, CCV, NVU, VTC)	Vermont students that do not have a bachelor's degree, are eligible for federal financial aid, and have	Degree Completion will cover tuition and fees owed after Pell, Vermont State Aid (including T.E.A.C.H. and CDD	Where possible, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student	Yourfuture.vsc.edu, or the VSC institution of choice.

		<p>not attended a higher education institution since May 2019 or before.</p> <p>Income eligibility is capped at 300% of the federal poverty line by household size.</p>	Tuition Assistance), and institutional aid are applied.	Aid (FAFSA) and the Vermont Grant Application through VSAC.	
Critical Occupation Scholarship	Vermont State Colleges (CU, CCV, NVU, VTC)	<p>Vermont students eligible for federal financial aid and enrolled in the below academic programs. Income eligibility is capped at \$150,000.</p> <p>Castleton: Bachelor's in Early Childhood & Special Education</p> <p>CCV: Associates in Early Childhood Education Certificate in Childcare</p> <p>NVU: Online Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education</p>	Critical Occupations Scholarship will cover tuition owed after Pell, Vermont State Aid (including T.E.A.C.H. and CDD Tuition Assistance), and institutional aid are applied.	Where possible, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Vermont Grant Application through VSAC.	Yourfuture.vsc.edu, or the VSC institution of choice.

FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS (Please check with your institute of higher education financial aid office for additional grants and scholarships they may be offering.):

Name of Grant	Sponsoring Organization	Eligibility	Description	Prerequisites	Contact
Vermont State Grant	VSAC	Vermont residents enrolled full-time at Title IV eligible schools who demonstrate financial need through the application process	Grants range from \$1,000 to \$14,000 for full time enrollment.		VSAC https://www.vsa.c.org/pay/applying-online-financial-aid/vermont-grants
Let's Grow Kids Scholarship for Aspiring Early Educators	Let's Grow Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be a current student pursuing an Associate or Bachelor's degree in ECE or ECE Special Education ● Enroll at least three-quarter time ● Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement ● Demonstrate financial need ● Demonstrate intention to work in VT for minimum of two years after college ● Attend an accredited school located within VT and approved for Title IV funding 	Up to three scholarships of up to \$1500 each.		VSAC https://www.vsa.c.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdf_resources/Scholarships_Booklet.pdf

FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS (Please check with your institute of higher education financial aid office for additional grants and scholarships they may be offering.):

Name of Grant	Sponsoring Organization	Eligibility	Description	Prerequisites	Contact
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont	Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be working in a regulated early childhood program • Must be working at least 30 hours/week • Must have been working for 3 mos. prior to application. 	<p>T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce access to debt-free educational opportunities and is helping establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce for our children in the Green Mountain State. We currently offer scholarship models for the Vermont Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program, an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education, and Licensure/Endorsement in Early Childhood Education.</p>	Apply to FAFSA and VSAC first	<p>Brenda Schramm Paula Nadeau teachearlychildhood@vtaeyc.org 802-387-0870 https://www.vtaeyc.org/teach/</p>
CDD Tuition Assistance Grant	Vermont Child Development Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed for at least 3 months by a CDD regulated child care program in a direct care or 	This application is to assist individuals with the cost of college	Apply to VSAC and other financial	pdsupports@vtaeyc.org

		<p>licensed program director position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking coursework related to ECE career • T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipients and employees of public schools who are paid on the teacher salary schedule are not eligible for this grant. 	<p>tuition related to their role in providing direct services to children. The maximum amount is \$1000 per student per semester for tuition only (no books or fees). Students enrolled in the Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) course may request funding up to \$1000 to include the portfolio review.</p>	<p>assistance through the school first</p>	<p>Applications: https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/providers/grants/pd</p>
Vermont Part-time Grant Program	VSAC	<p>Vermont residents enrolled less than full-time at Title IV eligible schools who demonstrate financial need through the application process</p>	<p>Grants range from \$500 to \$9,600.</p>		
VSAC Scholarship Program for Prospective Early Childhood Educators (Interest-free, Forgivable Loan)	VSAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education at eligible schools • Preference given to students in final year of program • Must enroll at least half time 	<p>Full tuition to assist students pursuing a career in early childhood education</p>	<p>Complete the Unified Scholarship Application at VSAC.org/MyVSAC</p>	<p>VSAC</p>

FOR STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF for WORKING Early Childhood Educators

Name of Repayment Funding	Sponsoring Organization	Eligibility	Description	Prerequisites	Contact
Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program	VTAEYC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in a privately operated center-based early childhood education program or in a home program regulated by the Child Development Division (CDD). • Work at their program at least an average of 30 hours per week for 48 weeks of the year • Annual salary from their program is \$50,000 or less • Earned an associate or bachelor’s degree on or after January 1, 2017 in an approved ECE major or concentration • Not simultaneously participate in T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont scholarship nor in the VSAC scholarship for Prospective Early Childhood Educators. 	Provides up to \$4,000 annually to reduce the student debt of full-time educators who earned an early childhood-specific degree after January 1, 2017.	See eligibility.	website: www.vtaeyc.org/sIrap If you have questions or would like more information, please email studentloanrepayment@vtaeyc.org .