

LANARK COUNTY

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ACADEMIC SUPPORT FUNDING APPLICATION

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Lanark County ECE Academic Support Funding Application 2026

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Academic Support Funding Description

Academic Support Funding from Lanark County Children’s Services is designed to support individuals who are pursuing post-secondary education in Early Childhood Education (ECE) and who intend to continue their careers in the Early Years sector. The purpose of this funding is to encourage the successful completion of an approved ECE program and to help strengthen the Early Years workforce in Lanark County.

Recipients are expected to make reasonable efforts to seek employment as a Registered Early Childhood Educator (ECE) in a licensed child care or Early Years setting within Lanark County after completing their education.

Eligible expenses include education-related costs such as tuition, mandatory fees, and required learning materials that are directly connected to an approved ECE program.

Applicants must either currently work in the Early Years sector in Lanark County and/or reside in Lanark County and are interested in becoming a Registered ECE.

Prior experience is not required. As funding is limited, priority will be given to applicants that are committed to working in the Early Years sector in Lanark County.

Applications will be accepted from May 1, 2026, to November 30, 2026. Completed applications must be submitted in PDF format to Chelsey Coe at cs@lanarkcounty.ca.

For questions regarding the application process or funding details, please contact Children's Services at cs@lanarkcounty.ca or by phone at 613-267-4200 ext. 2306.

Section 1 - Applicant Information

Please fill out the following fields outlining the applicant's information. In addition, please provide a resume outlining any relevant experience and a personal or professional reference letter.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Preferred Name (if applicable): _____
Phone Number: (____) - ____ - _____ E-mail Address: _____
Home Mailing Address: _____
Are you currently employed in the Early Years sector or a related field in Lanark County? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, Job Title/Employer: _____
Are you currently enrolled in an accredited ECE program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 2 - Program Information

Please describe the accredited ECE program you are or will be enrolled in, in addition please provide proof of enrolment from the institution.

Name of Institution: _____
Campus/Location (if applicable): _____
Program Name: _____
Length of Program: _____
Which type of certification are you expecting to graduate with? (e.g. Degree, Diploma): _____
Program Start Date: _____

Expected Completion Date:

Enrollment Type (i.e. In person, Online, Full Time, Part- Time):

Student Number: _____

Section 3 - Financial Components

Please fill out the following criteria for all the applicable semesters worth of costs. Lanark County is willing to consider educational support for the entirety of educational costs based on funding availability, applicant priority, and application strength. All costs will need to be accompanied by invoices or proof of payment.

How many semesters worth of educational funds are you wishing to claim: _____

Start: _____ End: _____

Total Tuition: \$ _____

Total Mandatory Fees: \$ _____

Books: \$ _____

Application Fees: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Section 4 - Applicant Statement

In 250-500 words please describe the following:

What motivated you in choosing to become a registered ECE?

How will completing an ECE education support your career goals working in EarlyON and/or licensed child care settings within Lanark County?

Section 5 - Attachments Checklist

- Proof of enrollment in an accredited ECE program
- Tuition invoice and/or fee schedule
- Resume
- Personal and/or professional letter(s) of reference

Section 6 - Declaration and Consent

I attest that:

- I am not utilizing Provincial ECE Grant funding. (*Applicants who are receiving, or who plan to receive, provincial ECE grant funding are not eligible for this support.*)

- The information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge
- I meet the eligibility criteria for this program
- I agree to provide receipts, invoices, or documentation upon request
- I agree to use the funds only for approved education-related costs
- I understand approval is subject to eligibility, available funding, and program priorities
- I consent to the collection and use of my information for the administration of this program

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Received: _____

Application ID: _____

Eligibility Verified: Yes No

Documents Complete: Yes No

Decision: Approved Approved with Conditions Waitlisted Declined

Approved Amount: \$_____

Approved Name / Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____