



PLYMOUTH SCHOOL READINESS SCHOLARSHIP

The Plymouth Early Childhood Council is offering **Scholarships** and will award six (6) scholarships of \$631.00 each to Plymouth residents or current employees in an early childhood classroom/site within the town of Plymouth, CT; who are currently pursuing a BA or higher in Early childhood education, child studies, child development or human growth and development. **Priority will be given to applicants currently working in a School Readiness or State funded early childhood program in the community. Scholarship payments are contingent on receiving state funding.**

Important Note: There is a requirement for state funded preschools that 50% of the teachers will need a BA in Early Childhood Education by 2015, and 100% will need a BA by 2020. Teachers who do not have a degree in ECE from one of the 8 acceptable colleges will need to pursue the Early Childhood Teacher Credential through Charter Oak State College.

Applicants must:

- Be legal residents of the town of Plymouth (including the villages of Terryville and Pequabuck), CT and/or currently employed in an Early Childhood Classroom/facility in the Plymouth, CT community
- Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the spring of 2014) in an accredited institution of higher education
- Submit a short written response (250 words or less) for the question:

“How will you build your skills and knowledge to provide a quality early learning experience for the children of Plymouth?”

Awards will be announced: January, 2014

Submit application (Essay and Cover Letter) along with two forms of proof of residency (i.e., copy of current license, bills being sent to your Plymouth address, etc.) or; if required, letter of recommendation (see official rules).

Submit application to:

Plymouth Early Childhood Council
77 Main Street
Terryville, CT 06786

For more information, please email the Plymouth Early Childhood Council at:
plymouthearlychildhoodcouncil@plymouthct.us or call (860) 314-2763

Plymouth Scholarship Application



PLYMOUTH SCHOOL READINESS SCHOLARSHIP Official Rules

1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE: The Plymouth School Readiness Scholarship Program for 2013-2014 is open only to those who legally reside in the town of Plymouth (including the villages of Terryville and Pequabuck) and/or are current employees in an early childhood classroom/site within the town of Plymouth, CT and who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the spring of 2014) in an accredited institution of higher learning (college or university). Recipients of the scholarship must take Early Childhood classes toward their BA degree (or higher) in Early childhood education, child studies, child development or human growth and development. **Proof of residency or proof of employment will be required at the time of application.** A letter of recommendation will be required of employees of the Plymouth community who do not reside in the town of Plymouth (including the villages of Terryville and Pequabuck), CT

2. HOW TO APPLY: Submit essay and attached cover sheet no later than December 15, 2013. Limit one (1) Application per person. Essay will be a short original typed response to the scholarship topic **“How will you build your skills and knowledge to provide a quality early learning experience for the children of Plymouth?”**

Your written essay must be written in English and it must not exceed two-hundred fifty (250) words. All Applications become the property of the Plymouth Early Childhood Council and will not be returned.

3. SELECTION PROCESS: The Plymouth Early Childhood Council is looking for eligible Applicants who follow directions and submit Applications that are well-written and creatively address the topic **“How will you build your skills and knowledge to provide a quality early learning experience for the children of Plymouth?”**

On or before January 31, 2014, three qualified judges will select Six (6) potential award recipients based on the criteria of writing ability (25%), creativity (25%), originality (25%), and overall excellence (25%).

4. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: The Plymouth Early Childhood Council will require scholarship recipients to: 1. Show proof of course in Early childhood education, child studies, child development or human growth and development, 2. Show proof that applicant is currently working towards a BA or higher and 3. Must have proof that recipient has received a 2.0 or higher for said course in a credited institution of higher education. Once verified a reimbursement check will be given to the applicant. **Scholarship payments are contingent on receiving state funding.**



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Cover Sheet

Name: (as to be written on reimbursement check)

Address:

Phone Number:

Alternate Number:

Institution Currently Enrolled In:

Degree you are pursuing:

I, _____, have received and agree to the official rules for the Plymouth School Readiness Scholarship.

(Signature)

Check List:

Submitted on time

Essay

Proof of Residency or employment

Cover Sheet