

George Kaiser Family Foundation

Bridging the Gap Scholarship

Tulsa Community College - West Campus
Child Development Scholarship Office I-174
7505 W. 41st Street
Tulsa, OK 74107
(918) 595-8090

Award Information

The Bridging the Gap Scholarship is funded through a generous grant from the George Kaiser Family Foundation. It provides scholarships to TCC students interested in pursuing a certificate and/or degree in the field of child development.

The scholarship pays tuition, fees and books (less a \$10 per credit hour co-pay to be paid by the scholar) for courses toward specific certificates/degrees. It also reimburses for academic related expenses including background checks, food handler's cards, finger printing, etc.

Certificate and Degree programs funded by Bridging the Gap include:

- Child Development Certificate of Mastery
- Associate of Applied Science degree with Child Development Option
- Associate of Science: Early Childhood Education – OU Tulsa Transfer Option

Applicants must be **Oklahoma residents and be a citizen of the United States** with a **valid social security** number. Applicants will not qualify if they are eligible for the *Scholars for Excellence in Child Care* scholarship (see scholarship matrix if necessary). Priority goes to students that meet the minimum GPA requirements. However, there is a probationary entry status for those with lower GPAs.

Unique to this scholarship is the personal assistance that all scholars receive during their time in the program. Scholarship Participants will work with the program director, mentor, and program assistant to help them successfully complete their educational goals and transition to the next step in becoming an early childhood professional.

Application Deadlines

Spring : November 1st Fall: June 1st

Any completed applications received after the deadline will be reviewed the following semester.



George Kaiser Family Foundation Bridging the Gap Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Oklahoma (lived in Oklahoma for 12 months or more)
- A U.S. citizen with a Social Security Number
- Not qualify for the *Scholars for Excellence in Child Care* Scholarship Program
- Meet the following minimum entering Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements for Full Admission*:
 - No Previous College/University Credit: **2.0 GPA**
 - Previous College/ University Credit, Majoring in CDA/Certificate of Mastery: **2.0 GPA**
 - Previous College/University Credit, Majoring in AAS: **2.0 GPA**
 - Previous College/University Credit, Majoring in AS Early Childhood Education OU Transfer: **2.75 GPA**

** See application for specific details on students with low-entering GPAs.*

- Complete/graduate with one (or more) of the certificates and/or degrees that the scholarship covers.
 - Certificate of Mastery
There are two options for obtaining the Certificate of Mastery. Option 1: Students have completed the 9 credit hours of CDA coursework, English Comprehension I, and 6 hours of approved Child Development courses OR Option 2: Students have completed English Comprehension I and 15 hours of approved Child Development courses.
 - Associate of Applied Science (AAS): Child Development – birth to 8 years of age
Courses focus on the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and language development of children birth to three years of age. Students learn developmentally appropriate program design and activities for infants and toddlers. Students gain practical knowledge and skills necessary for effective communication, nurturing, and facilitating optional development for infants and toddlers. This degree plan does not directly transfer to a four-year-university.
 - Associate of Science (AS): Early Childhood Education, OU Transfer
This program is for students who want to teach infants to third graders. It is designed to seamlessly transfer to the University of Oklahoma. It is the general education coursework required for a degree from OU in Early Childhood Education. Upon completion of the AS degree, students must apply to be admitted to OU and work on coursework to receive a Bachelor degree and certification/license to teach. A grade of “C” or better is required in all coursework in this degree and students must maintain a 2.75 GPA in order to be admitted to OU.



**SCHOOL OF
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
AND EDUCATION**

George Kaiser Family Foundation Bridging the Gap Scholarship Application

Application Deadlines

November 1st for Spring

Return Completed Application, Essay, and Copy of Transcript to:

Bridging the Gap Scholarship
Tulsa Community College- West Campus
7505 W. 41st Street Tulsa, OK 74107

Date of application: _____ **I wish to begin:** Fall Spring **Year 2019**

Certificate/Degree (check all that apply):

CDA Certificate of Mastery Child Development AS Early Childhood Education (OU transfer)

Are you currently a TCC student or have you ever been admitted to TCC? Yes No

Have you attended TCC new Student Orientation? Yes No

Campus Wide ID: T _____

Contact Information

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Other Name(s) Used: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Mailing address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

County of Residence: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Educational Status

I am currently (check one):

Attending High School

School (City/State): _____

Years Attended: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ GPA _____

Attending Technical School/College/University

School (City/State): _____

Years Attended: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ GPA _____

Not in School

Last School Attended (City/State): _____

Years Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA/GED Score _____

Eligibility

I: (check all that apply):

I currently work with children:

Center/School: _____

Number of Hours Worked Per Week: _____ Pay Per Hour: _____ Star Rating: _____

Is the center DHS or tribal licensed? Yes No

Does the center have 10% or more DHS subsidized children? Yes No

I currently participate in the *Scholars for Excellence in Child Care* scholarship program.

Name of Scholar Coordinator: _____

I previously participated in the *Scholars for Excellence in Child Care* scholarship program.

Semesters/Years Participated: _____ Name of Scholar Coordinator: _____

Essay

Please submit a two (2) page typed, double spaced essay on the following topic.
Be sure that your name is in the top right corner of each page.

Explain why you are interested in becoming an early childhood professional. Include your career goals, academic goals, the ages of children with whom you would like to work, training in the field, and any other information that shows your interest.

Low-Entering Grade Point Average

Bridging the Gap has the following minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements:

- With no previous college/university credit, entering GPA of 2.0
- With previous college/university credit, entering GPA of 2.0 (CDA, Certificate of Mastery, AAS Child Development)
- With previous college/university credit, entering GPA of 2.75 (AS OU Early Childhood Education Transfer)

If your GPA is below the minimum requirements, please attach a typed document explaining the reasons for your poor academic performance and specific steps/plan for addressing the problem.

Demographic Information (optional)

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Race/Ethnicity:

Is English your first language?

- African American/Black
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Caucasian/White (non-Hispanic/Latino)
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

- Yes
- No

If no, please list your native language(s):

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Application Checklist

- Submit the application form, essay, and copy of all transcripts to the Bridging the Gap Scholarship Office by mail or in person. *Include the additional low-entering GPA document if your Grade Point Average is below minimum requirements.* Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please make photocopies/digital copies of everything that you turn in.
- You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application. If you have not received an email within **one week** of submission, please contact our office at (918) 595-8090.
- Complete a TCC application online at www.tulsacc.edu and submit an official transcript to the West Campus Registrar's Office.
- Complete a FAFSA application form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov . *This is a TCC requirement as well*
- Submit your ACT scores or take the COMPASS at any TCC advising office. The COMPASS will determine your course placement in developmental (remedial) or college level courses.
- Wait to hear from the scholarship committee to determine if you are offered the scholarship. All applicants will be notified by mail of award or denial.
- If awarded the scholarship, submit a signed State of Commitment form by the deadline stated in your award letter.
- If awarded the scholarship, meet with your Program Director for an individual advisement meeting and enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours/ maximum of 12 credit hours during the fall and spring semesters. (Summer semesters are optional.)
- If awarded the scholarship, attend New Scholar Orientation. Dates and times for will be listed in your BTG award letter. This meeting is mandatory, so if the times are not acceptable, please contact the Program Director immediately.
- New Students (students that do not have at least 6 hours of higher education) must attend the Tulsa Community College "New Student Orientation". Dates and times will be posted on www.tulsacc.edu

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