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Scholarship available to those providing early childhood education

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 5, 2010) — Kentucky’s child care providers and those who train child care providers may be eligible for the Early Childhood Development Scholarship, administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), to further their college education.

The scholarships are available to those who work at least 20 hours per week or provide training in early childhood development at least 12 times annually for an approved organization. Kentuckians employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded preschool program are also eligible.

“KHEAA has made it possible for me to fulfill a lifelong dream of obtaining a college degree,” said Vickie Tucker of Paducah. “The cost of college made it impossible for me to return to school, but with the help of the Early Childhood Scholarship program from KHEAA, I was given back my dream.” Tucker, who is working on a bachelor’s degree at Murray State University, encourages “anyone interested in working in the teaching or child care field to take advantage of this gift from KHEAA.”

Recipients must be working toward an associate’s degree or a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education or other approved credential. The scholarship will pay up to \$1,800 for tuition annually. Students may not take more than nine hours per semester.

To apply, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and an Early Childhood Development Scholarship application. The FAFSA is available childcare at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.kheaa.com. To complete the scholarship application, students must register for a Zip Access account. After registering, sign in to Zip Access, select Account Access and then select Apply Online.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 6-7372.

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