

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential:

- The Council for Professional Recognition awards credentials for family child care, center-based preschool, center-based infant-toddler, home visitor, and bi-lingual.

EEC's CDA Scholarship Program:

- The Council for Professional Recognition awards CDA Credentials on a quarterly basis.
- The CDA Scholarship program supports the cost of the application fees for Assessment (\$325), Second Setting (\$225), and Renewal (\$50) CDA credentials.
- To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must be a Massachusetts residents, have a high school diploma or GED, and a family income at or below 100% SMI.

Scholarship Applications To Date:

Fiscal Year	Applications Received	Approved Applications	Denied Applications	Incomplete Applications
2005	79	67	8	3
2006	59	44	8	6
2007	156	136	9	12
2008	208	174	2	32
2009	244	89	5	124
Total	746	510	32	177

- Scholarship applicants are denied if they are not a Massachusetts resident or if their family income is greater than the current statewide median income for their family size. The majority of denials are due to out of state applicants.
- Individuals who submit an incomplete scholarship application receive notification from EEC to correct or update their application; once the applicant has submitted the necessary information their application will be processed.
- Total applications for fiscal year 2009 include 91 applicants that are have been included on a waiting list for funding.

CDA Scholarship Awards:

Fiscal Year	Applicants Eligible for Scholarship	Applicants Requested Scholarship	Applicants Redeemed Scholarship	Unredeemed Scholarships	Funds Paid to CDA Council
2007	136	118	73	64	\$16,575
2008	174	124	100	74	\$40,450
2009	89	85	18	71	\$19,975 ¹
Total	399	327	191	209	\$77,000

¹ In FY2009 \$50,000 was allocated for CDA Scholarships, \$18,625 of that funding has already been paid to the CDA Council. The remainder has been allocated/promised to applicants.

Applicant Demographics:

Data elements based on applicants who applied in FY2007 and FY2008

By Region:

Region 1 (Western MA):	34 applicants
Region 2 (Central MA):	80 applicants
Region 3 (Northeast):	351 applicants
Region 4 (MetroWest):	33 applicants
Region 5 (Southeast):	41 applicants
Region 6 (MetroBoston):	45 applicants

By Position:

	Number of Applicants	Percent of Applicants
Family Child Care Provider	143	43%
Assistant Teacher	39	12%
Teacher	35	11%
Family Child Care Assistant	5	2%
Director	0	0%
Home Visitor	0	0%
Volunteer	0	0%
Other ²	9	3%
Data Not Available	101	30%

By Credential³:

	Number of Applicants	Percent of Applicants
Family Child Care	150	45%
Center-based Preschool	71	21%
Center-based Infant/Toddler	16	5%
Bilingual	5	2%
Home Visitor	1	<1%
Data Not Available	101	30%

² Other professional positions include Center Director/Teacher, Lead Teacher, Paraprofessional, Family Day Care Specialist, and Family Day Care Provider/ Assistant Teacher.

³ 11 applicants applied for more than one area for their credential.