

## La Luz Early Childhood Teacher Education Fund

**Eligibility:** This scholarship shall be used to assist adult students attain an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or to obtain a New York State Director's Credential. Preference shall be given to those applicants who are employees of the Child Care Center at Christ Church, Corning, New York. This is a \$4000 award that can be divided between more than one individual.

- For individuals seeking an AA or BA degree the college that the individual plans to attend must grant a degree specific to Early Childhood Education.
- Should there be no employees of the Child Care Center at Christ Church eligible for the award the scholarship will then be available to other employees of child care centers within Southeast Steuben County.
- Financial need will be strongly considered by the Foundation's scholarship Committee.

### Application Requirements

- Completed application form  
*It is important that you answer ALL the appropriate questions.*
- Typed essay - On a separate sheet of paper write a brief essay that would best illustrate your motivation to advance in the field of early childhood care and education.
- Reference letter
- Copy of your most recent tax return

Please mail materials to:           The Community Foundation  
301 S. Main St.  
Horseheads, NY 14845

# La Luz Early Childhood Teacher Education Scholarship Application

Completed application must be received by **February 23, 2012.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip code

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number in household \_\_\_\_\_ Annual household income: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please attach your most recent tax return.

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

List any additional education completed - list school and dates:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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List total credits or diploma earned: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently attending a college, university, or technical school, please list the following:

Name of educational institution \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to attend in the fall? \_\_\_\_\_

How many credit hours do you anticipate taking? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your enrollment status? Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_  
Full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part time \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to study?

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State your career and vocational goals upon completion of your degree.

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Employee of Child Care Center at Christ Church, Corning, New York:    Y        N

Please list your employment experience:

Name of business	Telephone	Dates
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Give details of all scholarships, grants or loans you are seeking and indicate any already received and the amount. Please specify if these amounts are to be repaid:

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Do you anticipate receiving a Pell, SEOG, EOP, or TAP grant? If so what amount do you expect to receive? \_\_\_\_\_

List memberships and participation in school and or community activities. List offices held, awards, etc.

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Please indicate any unusual family or personal circumstances you feel may warrant the committee's attention: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all sources of income. Be sure to include any gross investment income, disability, social security income, etc.

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## Attachments

### Essay

On a separate sheet of paper write a brief essay that would best illustrate your motivation to advance in the field of early childhood care and education. **Please submit in typewritten, double spaced format.**

### Reference

Please provide the Committee with a reference letter from someone who is familiar with you and your educational goals. Your reference can be attached to your application or sent independently. If it is sent independently, please include your name and that the reference is for the LaLuz Childhood Teacher Education Scholarship.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION

### **\* Signatures are required\***

Please submit a copy of your most recent completed tax return. If you file form 1040 enclose the first 2 pages of that return. If you file a schedule C, please include a copy of that also. If last year's return is not ready, submit the previous year's return.

I hereby affirm that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware of the conditions under which the awards are made and promise to inform the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. of any change in circumstances or any additional aid received.

**I understand that tax return forms provide information to be used in the consideration of finalists for awards made by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. Foundation staff considers family size and annual income in order to assign a financial need code. The information submitted is held in strictest confidence and shredded after winners have been chosen.**

I hereby authorize the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. to share this information with members of the Scholarship Committee.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Van Fleet at [nvf@communityfund.org](mailto:nvf@communityfund.org) or 607-739-3900.

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