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EARLY CHILDHOOD ACCESS CONSORTIUM FOR EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION

This letter is to notify you that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has determined that your [Academic Year] Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program Application was not complete by the priority access to funding date of **August 11, 2024**. As noted on the ECACE program page at isac.org, an application is considered complete as of the date you supply all required information listed on the online application. Since your application was marked incomplete as of August 12, 2024, it is considered untimely.

Untimely applications that were missing required information by August 11, 2024, are unable to be considered for a 2024-25 ECACE award. Due to limited funding and a large demand for this program, ISAC must prioritize timely renewal students with the highest financial need, as reflected on their Student Aid Index (SAI), which is provided on the FAFSA or ISAC Alternative Application. Unfortunately, it is very likely that most returning students completing an application for the 2024-25 ECACE Scholarship will not receive an award.

You may be eligible for other scholarship and grant programs that can provide financial assistance to help you pay for college. In addition to meeting with a representative from your college's financial aid office, the following resources may also help (note that for some programs, funds may not be available until next year):

- To learn more about the financial aid process and available programs administered by ISAC, visit our website at isac.org. You may also communicate directly with an ISAC Student Engagement Representative via telephone at 800.899.ISAC (4722) or e-mail us at isac.studentservices@illinois.gov.
- To learn more about the Gateways to Opportunity scholarship to further your education in child development or early childhood education, visit <https://www.ilgateways.com/financial-opportunities/scholarship>.
- To learn more about the Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship to build Chicago's ECE workforce through credentials, endorsements, or an ECE degree, visit <https://www.cps.edu/ChicagoEarlyLearning/workforce-scholarship/>. (Applications are closed for this year and will open in January 2025 for the 2025-26 academic year).
- To search a database of private scholarships, visit the ISAC Student Portal at studentportal.isac.org and select "Apply".

Thank you for your commitment to early childhood education. We regret that we cannot currently offer you a scholarship but wish you success as you progress toward your educational and professional goals.

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