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## EARLY CHILDHOOD ACCESS CONSORTIUM FOR EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR AWARD

Thank you for applying for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship for the 2024-25 academic year.

We are sorry to inform you that we are not able to award you a scholarship at this time. The ECACE scholarship program has limited funding and demand for the scholarship has exceeded available funds. Due to these funding limitations, and because many other eligible students have already applied, we are currently not able to consider your application for a scholarship award.

For now, we do **not** anticipate being able to offer a scholarship to you later this academic year. However, if further funding becomes available, we will work with the financial aid office of the institution listed on your application to determine your eligibility. You will be contacted if funding becomes available and we determine you are eligible for 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](https://www.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](mailto: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 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](https://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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