

10 Steps to Earn Your CDA

Choose a Georgia approved CDA trainer at gapds.decalscholars.com

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Apply for CDA Training Scholarship at outreach.decalscholars.com/cda

Complete CDA training program

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Apply for 1st POWER-ED wage supplement
(completed CDA training & 80 hours of
work experience)

Compile CDA portfolio, study for the exam,
and create an account on yourcouncil.org

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Apply for 2nd POWER-ED wage supplement
(completed additional 200 hours of work
experience)

Apply for CDA Application Fee Scholarship
at outreach.decalscholars.com/cda

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Choose a PD specialist and apply for the
CDA exam at yourcouncil.org

Complete final components with the CDA
Council and receive CDA credential

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Apply for 3rd POWER-ED wage supplement
(earned CDA credential & completed final
200 hours of work experience)

Important Contacts

DECAL Scholars

Email: support@decalscholars.com

Phone: 770-642-6722 ext. 602

Website: decalscholars.com

CDA Council for Professional Recognition

Email: cdafeedback@cdacouncil.org

Phone: (800) 424-4310

Website: cdacouncil.org

Georgia Professional Development System for Early Childhood Educators (GaPDS)

Email: gapds@decalscholars.com

Phone: (888) 924-2737

Website: gapds.decalscholars.com

FAQs

What are the eligibility requirements?

You may be eligible if you've been employed for at least 6 months, working at least 30 hours per week at a Department of Defense or DECAL-licensed child care center, family child care learning home, exempt Head Start Center, or a Georgia Lottery-funded Pre-K (or 15 hours per week at a DECAL-licensed after school program). Learn more at outreach.decalscholars.com/cda

What is POWER-ED?

POWER-ED is a wage supplement rewarding DECAL Scholars CDA training Scholarships recipients with up to 3 supplements of \$1,000, based on their progress in earning their credential. Download the application at outreach.decalscholars.com/cda.

What are the award amounts?

Up to \$500 for training (paid directly to a Georgia approved CDA trainer), the \$425 CDA Application Fee, and one \$125 CDA Renewal Fee (all paid directly to the CDA Council). You can also submit your book receipt for a reimbursement of \$35.

Can I receive reimbursement for CDA training?

Yes, if you apply with all supporting documents within 6 months of the training payment date. Include your payment receipt for reimbursement. Your DECAL Scholars CDA Training Scholarship application must be submitted before your CDA Application Fee Scholarship application.

Questions?

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