

7 Steps to Earn Your CDA

1 Choose a Georgia approved CDA trainer at gapds.dec.al.ga.gov

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

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3 Complete CDA training program

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

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

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

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7 Complete final components with the CDA Council and receive CDA credential

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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 are the award amounts?

Up to \$500 for training (paid directly to a Georgia approved CDA trainer), the \$525 CDA Application Fee, and one \$250 CDA Renewal Fee (all paid directly to the CDA Council).

Can I receive reimbursement for CDA training?

Yes, if you apply with all supporting documents within 30 days 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?



Visit our website or call
us at

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