



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF

Early Childhood
Education

GROWING ALABAMA'S FIRST CLASS PRE-K WORKFORCE CREDENTIALING PATHWAYS

One of ADECE's goals is to build a workforce that is diverse, professionalized, well-trained, and ready to meet the demand for high quality early care and education programs and services.

ECE-WORKS ALABAMA

- ECE-Works Alabama is an ADECE initiative to help grow Alabama's ECE workforce.
- Preschool Development Grant (B-5) funds are currently available to provide financial assistance to help offset the cost of ECE credentialing.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- First Class Pre-K auxiliary teachers who are currently on waivers
- First Class Pre-K lead teachers who are currently on waivers

ECE COLLEGE COURSEWORK

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#))
- Apply for any relevant scholarships, such as [T.E.A.C.H.](#) and/or the [Leadership in Child Care Scholarship](#)
- Complete the ECE-Works application [here](#)
- Upon ADECE approval, the teacher will receive an email indicating the next steps on how to apply for assistance in Foundant, the ADECE grant management system. The teacher will complete the application, upload all requested documents, including the invoice from the college or university and transcript(s) if applicable. The invoice should show where all financial aid and scholarships should have been applied. The ADECE will directly pay the institution of higher learning the remaining balance (after all scholarships and financial aid have been applied). The Foundant application should be completed and submitted at least four weeks prior to the invoice due date to allow time for processing.

HELPFUL LINKS

[T.E.A.C.H.](#)

[LEADERSHIP IN CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID \(FASFA\)](#)

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