

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements and Conditions for All Degree Levels

	Associate Degree Eligibility	Bachelor's Degree Eligibility	Master's Degree Eligibility
<p>Decision Point 1: Application</p> <p>A review of the applicant's eligibility requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted to PennWest through general admission. Resume (e.g., demonstrate leadership or community service, work experience related to early care and education) Letter of recommendation from three non-relatives who have professional interactions with the applicant (recommender must complete PennWest Cal dispositions survey). Must be a Pennsylvania resident. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted to PennWest through general admission. Resume (e.g., demonstrate leadership or community service, work experience related to early care and education) Letter of recommendation from three non-relatives who have professional interactions with the applicant (recommender must complete PennWest Cal dispositions survey). High school grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. SAT, ACT, or Praxis scores that meet the PA Department of Education's qualifying score requirements (per PDE's guidelines). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted to PennWest through general admission. Resume (e.g., must be a current employee of a certified childcare center for 3 months or more or demonstrate at least 6 months of employment history in childcare if not currently employed). Letter of recommendation from three non-relatives, one including childcare employer, who have professional interactions with the applicant (recommender must complete PennWest Cal dispositions survey). Must be a Pennsylvania resident.
<p>Decision Point 2: Skill, Experience, and Disposition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview performance Written essay (A specific prompt related to early care and education will be provided.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview performance Written essay (A specific prompt related to early care and education will be provided.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview performance Written essay (A specific prompt related to early care and education will be provided.)
<p>Other conditions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the scholarship, must work a minimum of 30 hours a week at the Rutledge Institute PreK, The Village, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and achieve satisfactory performance reviews through the childcare employer. May transfer associate degree in early childhood education credits to PennWest's PreK-4 bachelor's teacher certification program if desired and approved after completion of the two-year associate degree program. The Village employee applicants have priority for the associate scholarship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the scholarship, must complete a minimum of 260 field experience hours and 3 credits of internship (210 hours) in the designated fall and spring semesters at the RI PreK Center and/or The Village Must participate in the University-wide Honors Program to fulfill research requirement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the scholarship, must work a minimum of 30 hours a week at the Rutledge Institute PreK, The Village, or in an approved certified childcare center, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and achieve satisfactory performance reviews through childcare employer. The Village employee applicants have priority for the master's scholarship.