



## 10 Steps to Earn Your CDA

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- Apply for DECAL Scholars CDA Training Scholarship at bit.ly/DECALSCHOLARSCDA
  - Complete CDA training program

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

Apply for DECAL Scholars CDA
Application Fee Scholarship at
bit.ly/DECALSCHOLARSCDA

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

Complete final components with the CDA Council and receive CDA credential

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









**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: cdácouncil.org

Georgia Professional Development System for

**Early Childhood Educators (GaPDS)** 

Email: gapds@decal.ga.gov Phone: (888) 924-2737

Website: gapds.decal.ga.gov/search/training

## \* 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 DECALlicensed before/after school program). Learn more at bit.ly/DECALSCHOLARSCDA.

What are the award amounts?

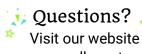
Up to \$500 paid directly to a Georgia approved CDA trainer; up to \$35 towards the CDA Competency Standards Book, the \$425 CDA Application Fee, and one \$150 CDA Renewal Fee paid directly to the CDA Council.

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.

## 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 bit.ly/POWEREDCDA.



or call us at 770-642-6722 (ext. 602)

