



## The 2024 Patty Morgan Scholarship

The *Patty Morgan Scholarship* is awarded annually to an educator seeking to obtain an initial early childhood educator (ECE) or early childhood special educator (ECSE) license or seeking to add the ECE or ECSE endorsement. The *Patty Morgan Scholarship* will cover the selected candidate's VT-HEC tuition costs and fees not covered by other funding sources throughout the candidate's program.

### *Eligibility Requirements:*

1. To be eligible for the *Patty Morgan Scholarship*, you must be currently working at least 20 hours per week in an early childhood setting defined as serving "Infants through Grade 3."
2. You must first apply for funds from your employer and any other scholarships you are eligible for (VSAC, T.E.A.C.H.) and still not have resources that are sufficient to cover VT-HEC tuition and fees.
3. The *Patty Morgan Scholarship* will be awarded to an applicant who, in the opinion of the selection committee, convincingly demonstrates and documents:
  - ❖ A dedication to the success and well-being of young children of Vermont.
  - ❖ The potential to successfully complete the program and become a superior professional in the early childhood field.

### *Conditions of the Patty Morgan Scholarship:*

To continue as a *Patty Morgan Scholar*, the educator must:

- ❖ Enroll and commit to satisfactorily completing all courses, any required educator testing, seminars, and field experiences included in her or his Personalized Program Plan within the time specified.
- ❖ Maintain a minimum of a B in all courses.
- ❖ Comply with all program requirements as outlined in the [VT-HEC EC/ECSE Initial Licensure Candidate Handbook](#) or the [VT-HEC EC/ECSE Endorsement Candidate Handbook](#).
- ❖ Commit to teaching as an ECE or ECSE educator for at least two years after completing the licensure program.

Applications for the *Patty Morgan Scholarship* are welcome from educators seeking an initial ECE or ECSE license and from those seeking to add an ECE or ECSE endorsement to their current Vermont license. Candidates currently enrolled in the VT-HEC ECE or ECSE program are not eligible for this scholarship.



# Patty Morgan Scholarship Application 2024

### *Follow These Steps to Apply:*

**Step 1.** Apply for a [VSAC Advancement Grant](#). You will need to submit documentation of their determination with your application.

**Step 2.** Apply for a [T.E.A.C.H. scholarship](#) if you work in a licensed or registered 0-5 early childhood program. If not, skip this step.

**Step 3.** Have your employer complete the [professional development funding form](#) verifying the amount of funding your employer anticipates providing you during your 2-year program.

**Step 4.** Complete the Personal Information section below. Please type or print neatly.

### **Personal Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS \_\_\_\_ ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in the ECE or the ECSE program? (check 1)  ECE  ECSE

Do you wish to add an endorsement to your current VT license, or are you seeking an initial license? (check 1)  Adding an endorsement  Seeking an initial license

**Step 5.** Write a one-page essay explaining why you want to become licensed (or endorsed) in ECE or ECSE. What has prompted your decision? Why do you think you would make a good ECE or ECSE? Why are you applying for this scholarship?

**Step 6.** To apply, submit the following documents:

- This application form
- Transcripts (unofficial are acceptable)
- A current resume
- VSAC documentation
- T.E.A.C.H. documentation (if applicable)
- Completed and signed employer Professional Development funding form
- Your one-page essay

Send your **complete** application to the VT-HEC Director of Early Childhood Programs, Manuela Fonseca, at [manuela.fonseca@vthec.org](mailto:manuela.fonseca@vthec.org).

**All applications must be received by April 15, 2024.**

*Your Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_