



The Lori Schmitter Memorial Scholarship Award For Early Childhood Education

Family and Friends of the late Lori Schmitter, Early Childhood Education Coordinator for the St. Joseph School District, have established an Early Childhood Education/Care scholarship for employees of the St. Joseph School District who are currently working toward or plan to work on a Child Development Associate's Degree (CDA).

Lori Schmitter dedicated 10 years of service to the St. Joseph School District. At the time of her death, November 20, 2003, she served as coordinator of Parents As Teachers. Lori played a vital role in the inception of the school district's current early childhood childcare programs. She insured quality childcare programs by providing every staff member with the opportunity for professional development. It was her desire to provide families with the best prepared and educated staff at these centers. Lori dedicated her life to insuring that children ages birth to five enter school prepared physically, academically, socially, and emotionally.

The Lori Schmitter Memorial Scholarship will provide to its recipients the funds to further their education in the field of early childhood childcare. This scholarship will provide funds for tuition for one three-hour CDA course, tuition for CDA renewal coursework, or to complete the CDA process by purchasing the CDA competency documentation packet and observation for an approved CDA program. Applicants must have worked for the St. Joseph School District for a minimum of six-months. The application form is attached and the deadline for application is **Friday, March 4, 2011**. Applications are to be submitted to the St. Joseph School District Foundation Office, Enright Center, 514 22nd Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501

The Foundation's Scholarship Committee will review applications and select the recipient who will be notified in April, 2009. For additional information, call Lori Zillner, St. Joseph School District Foundation, 671-4117.

Who is Eligible?

Any full-time or part-time employee currently employed by a St. Joseph School District childcare facility may become a candidate for the scholarship award. The candidate must have a minimum of six month's experience in an early childhood care facility in the school district. Upon receipt of this scholarship and completion of the CDA course, the applicant is expected to continue employment with the St. Joseph School District for a minimum of one year.

Candidates Should Possess the Following Qualifications:

- Be a skilled and dedicated child care provider who plans to continue working for the district in the future
- Have the respect and admiration of children, supervisors, parents, and colleagues
- Have worked at a St. Joseph School District childcare facility for a minimum of six-months
- Complete the coursework within the time frame allowed by the granting institution.

**Lori Schmitter Memorial Scholarship
Application Form**

1. Name _____

2. Home address and telephone number _____

3. School / Childcare Center name, address, and telephone _____

4. Name, address, and telephone of current supervisor _____

5. Current position held _____

6. Length of time employed by the SJSD _____

7. Age Group and classroom responsibilities (Area[s] of responsibility e.g. age group,
classroom responsibilities, etc.) _____

8. What were the factors that influenced you to work in the field of early childhood education/
care? _____

9. Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions in the field of early childhood
education/care. _____

10. What special needs do you have or what special situations are you in that show a need for
this financial assistance? _____

11. What is your future plan for working in the field of early childhood education/ care?

12. Should you be granted this scholarship award, what are your goals? _____

Scholarship Request: (Select One)

_____ Funds for three-hour tuition and required materials
(Maximum \$500)

_____ Funds for the required coursework for renewal of CDA and required materials
(Maximum \$500)

_____ Funds for CDA competency documentation packet and observation
(Maximum \$500)

Amount of grant request: _____

Signature

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Current personal resume or bio, limit of two pages
- Letter of recommendation from current supervisor

**Please submit your completed package to Lori Zillner, Enright Center,
514 22nd Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501 (671-4117) by Friday, March 4, 2011.**

