

**Summary of Award Enhancements Effective July 1, 2006**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS and INCENTIVES Programs**  
(Administered by Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)

	Currently	After July 1, 2006
<b><i>SCHOLARSHIPS</i></b>		
Stipend for each academic term enrolled	\$50 per quarter or \$75 per semester	\$75 per quarter or \$100 per semester
Previous employment requirement	No tenure requirement	Must have worked in early care and education 3 to 12 months prior to application, depending on program of study
Child Development Associate (CDA) assessment fee award for eligible applicants	85%	100%  (85% is paid at the time of the credential application; 15% is reimbursed after the CDA credential is awarded.)
<b><i>INCENTIVES</i></b>		
Payment to eligible participants with a qualifying certificate (i.e., CDA, TCC, CCP, NAC) <sup>1</sup>	\$400 per year	\$400 per year
Payment to eligible participants with a qualifying technical college diploma	\$750 per year	\$750 per year
Additional payment for eligible participants who:  1. Hold a qualifying certificate (i.e., CDA, TCC, CCP, NAC) or technical college diploma; <b>AND</b>  2. Are enrolled in a higher-level academic credential or degree program in early care and education/child development; <b>AND</b>  3. Maintain enrollment three of four quarters or two of three semesters per year.	No additional payment for academic enrollment	\$100 additional per year  (for a total of \$500 per year for those with a qualifying certificate or \$850 per year for those with a qualifying technical college diploma)

**Note:** Program eligibility requirements and benefits not listed above remain unchanged for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006. All SCHOLARSHIPS and INCENTIVES awards are contingent on the availability of funds.

<sup>1</sup> Child Development Associate Credential, Technical College Certificate of Credit, Child Care Professional Certificate, National Administrator Credential.