

Growing the Pipeline Sponsored Students Scholarship - FAQs

Growing the Pipeline of Highly Qualified Infant and Toddler Educators student sponsorship is generously funded by donors at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. This sponsored student opportunity is geared toward individuals who have a career vision that includes working with children and a commitment to ensuring that they have a strong educational foundation for life.

How Many Students Will You Accept?

Full funding is provided for 100 students. A cohort model has been adopted as the preferred method of delivery, with 5 cohorts (10 students in each cohort) in 2021 and another 5 cohorts in 2022. Cohort participation is a competitive process. It is NOT a first-come, first-served opportunity, but rather an investment in those who are excited about serving in the early childhood education field and have a drive to succeed.

The Infant Toddler Credential is not supported by financial aid so this is a special opportunity for students. The total value of each sponsorship is approximately \$3,000.

What Does This Sponsorship Pay For?...All Direct College Costs!

- Sponsorship for all 12 credits of the Infant and Toddler Credential Coursework
- The purchase of the required book or resource books
- If needed, the purchase of a Google Chromebook (becomes student property and can be retained beyond course completion)
- If needed, Wifi hotspot service device will be on loan from MATC library (and must be returned by student to library at time of course completion)
- Infant Toddler Certificate Commission Fees for The Registry certification process

How Can I Know If I'm Eligible?

- Must have a GED or HS diploma
- Be a new MATC student *in this certification program*
- Complete a sponsorship application
- Submit a letter of support form from a professional in the field
- Self-report financial need and most current GPA (proof may be requested)
- Register for appropriate classes BEFORE a cohort begins:
 - CHILDD 151-Infant Toddler Development,
 - CHILDD 169-Group Care for Infants and Toddlers,
 - CHILDD 195-Family and Community Relations,
 - CHILDD 115-Capstone Course-Infant Toddler Credential

How Would I Find Out If I Am Accepted For the Sponsorship?

Applicants will be notified by email.

When will my account be paid?

You must remain enrolled in credits as of census date and the account will be paid. (The census date is the date in which your enrollment is considered finalized for the semester and is the last date you can drop a course without receiving a financial penalty.)

How Do I Apply?

Visit matc.edu/infanttoddler where there is an application link.

How Will Students Be Evaluated for Eligibility for the Funding?

Each application will be rated and ranked. Students may be subject to a phone interview to clarify answers. Upon review of applications, students will be notified if they have met the sponsorship eligibility criteria and are selected to participate in a cohort.

What Are The Expectations of Students Who Are Supported By The Sponsorship?

“For those to whom much is given, much is required.” - John F. Kennedy

If students accept sponsorship, a student agrees to fully participate in the cohort and **fully participate in the 16 week program** to the best of their ability. There are limited sponsorship dollars and the applicant must be confident in their commitment to complete the full program.

If I’m Chosen, When Would I Receive The Funds?

The award will be applied to the student account.

What If I Am In Between Classes or Just Missed The Start of The Class?

If a cohort is full, a waiting list will start for the top candidates for the next cohort.

Other Questions?

Contact [Sandra Laughrin](#), Sponsorship Coordinator and Instructor