



United Way
of Greater St. Joseph



United Way Success By 6[®] Scholarship Application

Associate degree and bachelor's degree seeking students
Summer 2026 Semester

United Way Success By 6[®] is awarding a limited number of partial scholarships to teachers in early care and education programs who are pursuing further education in early childhood and intend to remain in the early care and education profession in Buchanan, Andrew or Doniphan counties. Scholarships will cover 90% of tuition, required books and required fees of the approved class after all other funding is applied. The approved class must be one that is required for graduation and applicant will be responsible for earning a passing grade in that class.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Applicants:

- Must currently work a minimum of 30 hours per week in an early care and education setting that is licensed or license exempt, and that accepts Missouri subsidy or offers other tuition supports.
- Must currently work at an early care and education setting located in Buchanan, Andrew or Doniphan counties.
- Must have worked and/or volunteered in an early care and education setting for a minimum of one year prior to application.
- Must attend an accredited higher education institution.
- Must be pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related degree.
- Must commit to one year of work in an early care and education setting in Buchanan, Andrew or Doniphan counties after receiving a scholarship.
- Applicants are required to seek all available avenues for financial aid, including but not limited to PELL and TEACH before submitting this application.
 - FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
 - TEACH Early Childhood Missouri: <https://teach-missouri.org/scholarships/>
- Applicants who are not in good standing with TEACH will not be considered until after their obligations to TEACH have been satisfied.
- Completed applications and required attachments must be received by **12:00 p.m. on April 10, 2026** for full consideration.
- Scholarship recipients are expected to earn a passing grade in funded class.

Failure to meet any of the above criteria may jeopardize an applicant's eligibility for United Way Success By 6 scholarships. If you have any questions, contact Bobbie Cronk at bobbie.cronk@stjosephunitedway.org or 816.364.2381.

Mission: To improve lives through the caring power of community.

Name _____

Questionnaire

What keeps you working in the early childhood field?

What are your career goals?

Why do you believe you should be chosen for a scholarship?

What do you hope to gain from going to school?

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Name_____

Phone_____

DOB _____

SSN last four digits XXX – XX - _____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Email Address_____

Employment Information

Current Employer_____

Director_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone_____

Current Position/Title_____

Number of hours per week_____

Length of time in current position _____ years _____months

List previous work and/or volunteer experience in early care and education.

EMPLOYER NAME, CITY	JOB TITLE/ROLE	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT FROM ____ TO ____

Prior Education

Please check the highest level of education you have completed:

___ High school diploma or equivalent

___ Some college

___ CDA credential

___ Associate’s degree

___ Bachelor’s degree

___ Graduate degree

Education Plan

Name of institution where you plan to take classes in summer, 2026: _____

Professional Development Goal

Associate degree _____ (list major)

In _____ (month/year)

Bachelor’s degree _____ (list major)

In _____ (month/year)

Financial Aid Information

Applying for Federal Student Aid by submitting completing the FAFSA is required. Attach a copy of the Eligibility Overview tab of the FAFSA Submission Summary section on your Studentaid.gov account. You are welcome to redact any personal information that you do not wish to share, with the exception of your name and your Student Aid Index (SAI).

Do you have an active TEACH contract? ___Yes ___No

If no, please explain: _____

By, signing below, I certify:

That I have completed this application to the best of my ability and all answers provided are accurate and complete.

Signature

Date

Your center director must complete this section:

I, _____, have reviewed the completed United Way Success By 6 Scholarship Application and can verify that the applicant is currently employed in my program and works at least 30 hours per week. In addition, I verify that my center is either licensed or license exempt and registered to accept Missouri Child Care Subsidy or offers other tuition supports.

Signature

Date

Completed applications and required attachments may be submitted via email to bobbie.cronk@stjosephunitedway.org; mailed to United Way at P.O. Box 188, St. Joseph, MO 64502; or faxed to 816.364.6030.