



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINI- GRANT

The Early Childhood Education Program is pleased to offer Professional Development Grants through the Strosacker Foundation Endowment for Early Childhood Education at Purdue North Central. The Professional Development Grants will support current PNC students' lifelong learning to further their education and knowledge about young children birth to age 8. The grants are available to fund attendance at conferences, courses, trainings, to purchase classroom materials and to support special projects such as service learning, practicum, or advocacy in the field of early childhood. Professional Development Grants can be used to cover conference registration fees, college tuition fees, classroom materials, supplies for internships in early childhood settings. Funds are to be used to promote high quality early childhood care and education.

WHO CAN APPLY

The Early Childhood Professional Development Grants are available to any current full- or part-time PNC student interested in furthering their knowledge about early childhood (birth to age 8). Applications from collaborative groups will be accepted.

AWARDS

It is the intent to award 2-4 mini-grants per year. Each grant will range from \$50 – \$250 based on the submitted budget. Funding for the Early Childhood Professional Development Grant is provided through the Strosacker Foundation Endowment for Early Childhood Education at Purdue North Central. Awardees will share what was learned at a PLAYCE (Purdue Learning About Young Children in Education) club meeting before November 30 of the award year. Awardees must also submit receipts and/or documentation of expenses.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The Early Childhood Professional Development Grants will be awarded once a year to be used by November 30. The application should be submitted in person by 3:00 p.m. on December 1 to the Education Department or electronically to meisenhauer@pnc.edu. Awards will be announced during the first week of classes of the spring semester.

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PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Early Childhood Professional Development Mini-Grant Application Form
- Project Description – A one-page description of how the funds will be used to further the applicants' knowledge of early childhood education including the impact this grant will have for children birth to age 8, the campus, or the community.
- Timeline & Budget for the Use of Funds – Each applicant may apply for up to \$250. Please provide a line item budget indicating how the mini-grant will be used. Please include a timeline for the use of funds, including the month when the applicant will present a final report at a PLAYCE meeting.
- Letter of Support – Please include one (1) letter of support from an instructor, community member, supervisor.
- Attachments – You may include any relevant attachments to support your application such as conference registration brochures, course descriptions, material descriptions, etc.

QUESTIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Dr. Mary Jane Eisenhauer if you have any questions regarding the Early Childhood Professional Development Mini-Grants.

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APPLICATION FORM

Applying For Year 20____

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Major _____

Current Status Part-Time Full-Time

Title of Project _____

Anticipated Completion Date _____

- I understand that I am expected to present what I have learned at a PLAYCE Club meeting before November 30.
- I agree to submit all receipts and documentation in a timely manner.
- I am willing to share my project with the campus community in order to promote high quality early childhood care and education.

Signature _____ Date _____