

# City of Milwaukee Early Childhood Workforce Stipend Program

A new stipend program is available for individuals who work in child care programs located in the city of Milwaukee. The **City of Milwaukee Early Childhood Workforce Stipend Program launched Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022**. Eligible applicants who work in caregiving roles will receive a \$1,500 stipend in three installments.

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) is pleased to facilitate providing this opportunity with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated by the Milwaukee Common Council to support early care and education initiatives. The program's goal is to increase early childhood educator wages and reduce turnover, which improves the quality of child care for Milwaukee's young children and their families.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All eligibilities must be met to receive the stipend:

- Be employed by a **child care program in the City of Milwaukee**, which is either:
  - a **group child care program** licensed by Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) – OR –
  - a **family child care program** licensed or certified by Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- Work in a **caregiving role**, defined as working directly in daily care of children as your primary role, in a classroom in a group program, or in a family child care program. This covers lead teachers, assistant teachers, and family child care providers (and employees of family child care providers).
- Have **3 months** of current and continuous employment at your current employer.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- You will receive an email confirmation after you successfully submit your application. If you do not see it immediately, check your spam or junk folders. It can take several months to process your application. If you received your confirmation, your application is processing. Please do not submit multiple applications.
- If you meet all program eligibilities, you will receive a \$1,500 stipend in three installments: the first installment, in the amount of \$500, upon application and being found eligible; the second installment, in the amount of \$500, four months later if you continue to meet eligibilities; the third installment, in the amount of \$500, four months later if you continue to meet eligibilities.
- You will receive renewal materials by email when it is time to receive your second and third stipends.

## APPLY NOW

Full Application Link: <https://weca.info/MKEapp>

Once you receive the full \$1,500, you are no longer eligible for payments from this program.

**Any questions?** Please contact us at: [mkestipend@wisconsinearlychildhood.org](mailto:mkestipend@wisconsinearlychildhood.org)

Try our LIVE CHAT during business hours on our website at:  
[wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/reward](https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/reward)

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