

MQC 2021-2022 Academic Award Eligibility Form



Please check the following boxes to certify that you meet the primary criteria for participation in the Marin Quality Counts (MQC) Academic Award Program

- I am employed in an eligible* Early Care and Education program that participates in Marin Quality Counts
- I am working towards attainment of a CA Child Development Teacher Permit **and/or** an AA or BA Degree in ECE or Child Development or enrolled in a Credential Program for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

*Eligible sites include Head Start, Early Head Start, Title 5, Family Child Care Home Education Network Providers, Sites that receive Alternative Payment Program or CalWorks vouchers/funding.

If you were unable to check both boxes above, you do not qualify for the MQC Academic Award Program

If you were able to affirm the above statement, please continue by checking each of the following boxes certifying that you meet and understand all of the eligibility requirements of the Marin Quality Counts (MQC) Academic Award Program.

- I understand that in order to be **enrolled** in the MQC Academic Award Program, I must submit the following items:
 - Complete the Online Application form through the CA Workforce Registry website
 - A signed MQC Eligibility Form
 - A signed Release and Exchange of Information
 - A signed W-9 Form
 - A Student Education Plan and Goals Form, signed by your college counselor, with a copy of current Student Education Plan. Please contact Tanya Myers at tmyers@marinschools.org if you do not have a college counselor
 - Current transcripts verifying coursework taken to date
- I understand that it is highly recommended that college courses be approved prior to enrollment by the ECE Professional Growth Advisor at MCOE to ensure that coursework meets program requirements.
- I understand that **only** academic units with a grade of C or better are accepted. Units must be degree applicable and/or USC/CSU transferable. Extended Education & CEUs are not accepted.
- I understand that I am required to meet with the MCOE ECE Professional Growth Advisor twice yearly to create and update my Professional Development Plan or provide a copy of a Professional Growth Plan or Student Education Plan twice yearly to the MCOE ECE Professional Growth Advisor
- I understand that I must submit transcripts by June 10, 2022 to verify successful completion of 1.0 to 6.0 academic units.
- I understand that I must complete an Annual Academic Survey by June 10, 2022.

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- I understand that I must be continuously employed for at least 9 months in a Marin Quality Counts ECE classroom/program at the time I receive my award.
- I understand that I may not receive the full amount of the award that I qualify for if there are insufficient funds available to pay all eligible applicants.
- I understand that I am responsible for all costs incurred for college courses.
- I understand that awards are taxable income. Taxes will not be withheld from this stipend award and are the responsibility of the recipient.
- I understand that awards may be denied, withdrawn, or withheld in the future if any information reported is found to be intentionally misleading or inaccurate.
- I authorize the MQC Academic Award Program to use the included information for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the program and reporting.
- I state that all of the submitted information is correct and understand that *if I do not satisfy all of the requirements for any reason, I will not be eligible for the award.*

Applicant's Printed Name

Applicant's Signature

Date