**National Head Start Association Scholarships:**

<http://www.nhsa.org/get-involved/join/membership/scholarship-and-awards>

All scholarships must be submitted to Child & Family Development Programs for review. The program is limited to submitting one application for each scholarship/award. Each person may only submit one scholarship/award category.

April 1 – 30: Submit electronic application to Child & Family Development Programs.

May 1 – 7: CFDP will review all applications and select one per category.

May 8 – 14: CFDP will respond to all applicants informing applicant of status of application.

May 15 – 31: CFDP be responsible for the e-posting of the program winning application.

Scholarship/Awards:

Administrator of the Year Award - Head Start Program Director - $500, 2016 conference pass and a commemorative plaque

* The nominee must serve as the Head Start program director or agency executive director.
* The nominee must be a program employee for at least three years.
* The nominee must have at least a bachelor's degree. Proof of Bachelor's degree must be provided.

Support Staff of the Year Award - $500, 2016 conference pass and a commemorative plaque

* The nominee must work as a para-professional administrative assistant/secretary or program support person to one or a number of content areas.
* The nominee must have been a program employee for at least three years.
* The nominee must include a letter of reference from each of two people who know

Teacher of the Year Award - $500, 2016 conference pass and a commemorative plaque.

* The nominee must serve as a Head Start/Early Head Start center-based teacher or home based teacher, associate teacher or instructional mentor.
* The nominee must be a program employee for at least three years.
* The nominee must submit proof of credential or degree.

Head Start Parent of the Year - $500, a 2016 conference pass and a commemorative plaque. The first runner-up will receive $200 and a commemorative plaque. The second runner-up will receive $100 and a commemorative plaque.

* The nominee must be a Head Start parent during the 2014-2015 program year.
* The nominee must hold a position of leadership on a site council, parent or policy council, state, regional or national association.

Beating the Odds Parent Award - Award winner will receive $500, 2016 conference pass, and a commemorative plaque. The first runner-up will receive $200 and a commemorative plaque. The second runner-up will receive $100 and a commemorative plaque.

* The nominee must be a Head Start parent during the 2013-2014 program year.
* The nominee must hold a position of leadership on a site council, parent or policy council, state, regional or national association.

Edward Zigler Innovation Award - This award is to celebrate those local programs who have partnered to create high impact services to children and families.

* Nominee must be a Head Start/Early Head Start grantee, delegate or community partner who demonstrates commitment to the goals and objectives of Head Start and promotes program innovations beyond performance standards.

Sargent Shriver Excellence in Community Service Award - The nominee for this award should have excelled in addressing issues of poverty, early education or community health.

* Nominee must be an individual or organization that made a voluntary contribution of time and effort that has had a positive impact upon children, families, and/or communities.
* Nominee's contribution should span five or more years of service to their local community.
* The contribution must have resulted in greater volunteerism, in-kind support and enhanced the local programs services to children and families.

Ron Herndon Head Start Parent Scholarship - Scholarship winners will receive an award of $2,500 and a commemorative certificate. *(Nominee must be attending an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the US Department of Education.)*

* The nominee must have a child enrolled in a Head Start/Early Head Start program for one or more years
* The nominee must be a High School graduate, be pursuing a post-secondary education and submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition or books.

Aubrey Puckett Memorial Award - this award celebrates Head Start alumni (parent or child) now working for a Head Start or Early Head Start program who demonstrates their passion for serving through advocacy, career growth, or being involved in their program, community, or the state/national level to benefit Head Start families.

* The nominee must have been enrolled in a Head Start/Early Head Start program as a student or parent for one or more years.
* The nominee must be a Head Start program employee for at least three years. (10 points)

Helen Hollingshed Taylor Memorial Scholarships

*Head Start Alumni, High School Senior -* $2500 and a commemorative certificate.

* The nominee must have attended Head Start/Early Head Start program for one or more years.
* The nominee must be scheduled to graduate from High School, be pursuing a post-secondary education, and submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition, and or books.

*Head Start Parent, Post Secondary Education -* $2500 and a commemorative certificate.

* The nominee must have a child enrolled in a Head Start/Early Head Start program for one or more years.
* The nominee must be a High School graduate, be pursuing a post-secondary education and submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition, and or books.

*Head Start Staff, Higher Education -* $2500 and a commemorative certificate.

* The nominee must be an employee of a Head Start/Early Head Start program for three or more years.
* The nominee must be a High School graduate and pursuing a bachelors or post-baccalaureate graduate education. The nominee must submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition, and or books.