

Susan Helsabeck



Scholarship for Early Educators

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Purpose

The Susan Helsabeck Scholarship for Early Educators has been established to provide financial support to early educators working in Randolph County striving towards advanced education. This scholarship honors the legacy of Susan Helsabeck, our former colleague and friend. It celebrates her lifelong desire to support our early educators. Through higher learning, the recipients of this scholarship actively enhance the quality of the classroom and their commitment to the field of Early Care and Education.

Awards

One recipient annually will be offered a \$1000.00 scholarship if selection criteria are met and applicant is selected by the scholarship committee. These awards will be presented at our annual Night of the Stars event.

Eligibility

- 1.) Applicants must be working as a teacher in a Randolph County Child Care Program
- 2.) Applicants must be actively enrolled in a Higher Education Institution (minimum of 1 semester + completion of EDU 119)
- 3.) Applicants must demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 4.) Applicants must provide verification of completion of EDU 119

Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated or expressed interest in completing their Early Childhood Education Degree with the intent to continue working as a teacher in a Child Care Program
2. Letter of Recommendation from current Child Care Director

Application Requirements

To be considered for the Susan Helsabeck Scholarship for Early Educators, applicants must complete an application and return it to Randolph Partnership for Children by **April 17, 2026**. The application must include:

1. A signed application form completed in its entirety. ☐
2. A signed letter of recommendation from current Director of place of employment ☐
3. Most recent transcript ☐

Submission of Application Form

Complete and sign the application, then save a copy. Once saved, please email the application to Shannon McCrary (smccrary@randolphkids.org) or fax it to the Randolph Partnership for Children (336-629-2135). Include 'Scholarship Application' in the subject line.

***Be sure to have all required components of the application filled in, attached, and submitted by April 18, 2025.**

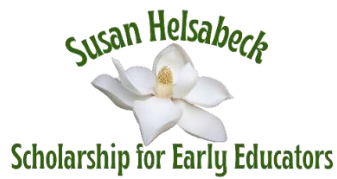
Submission of Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the author(director) with the name of the applicants as part of the file name. The letter should indicate the capacity in which the writer knows the applicant.

*The letter can be emailed to Shannon McCrary (smccrary@randolphkids.org) or faxed to the Randolph Partnership for Children at 336-629-2135.

Questions about the application process can be directed to Shannon McCrary (336-629-2128 ext. 118)

Note that all application materials must be received by 5:00 PM on April 17 2026.



A. General Information

Applicant First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Name of Child Care Center in Randolph County where currently employed: _____

Hire Date: _____ Job Title: _____

Please indicate the number of years of experience you have in the Early Childhood Profession: _____

B. Education Information

Educational Institutions (Including High School)	Dates Attended	Degree/Diploma Earned

Name of education institutional where currently enrolled: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Have you successfully completed EDU 119 + one additional semester of Early Childhood Coursework?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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A. Essay Questions

1. Please share what this scholarship means to you:

2. Describe your current and future career goals:

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3. What barriers will keep you from achieving your goals? What support systems can you put in place to help you overcome those barriers?

4. Please describe where you see yourself in five years:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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