

Marjorie Beckles Early Childhood Scholarship Fund



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The late Marjorie Beckles, Cert. Hon. was a dedicated Early Childhood Specialist of the Cayman Islands who believed that all young children deserve excellent early care and education.

She excelled in her educational pursuits and was an outstanding student at BANK STREET COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, New York. According to one of her professors, Roberta Altman, “Her Masters degree thesis formed the beginnings of the Early Childhood reforms and standards...” for the early years programmes in the Cayman Islands.” Additionally, it was under her initiative and leadership that the “Week of the Young Child” was established in the Cayman Islands.

Shortly after her passing on 18th June, 2009, the Executive Committee of the Cayman Islands Early Childhood Association resolved to keep her legacy alive by offering awards and scholarships to deserving students. Therefore, it is in this promise to keep, that we pause, reflect and commit ourselves on this day, 21st April, 2012 at the beginning of the “WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD 2012” to move forward and to prepare others for this profession by ensuring that funds are available for their tertiary training in Early Childhood Care and Education beginning in August, 2012.

Your support to this cause is greatly appreciated.

Please print and read this application carefully. You are required to complete all sections of the application in black ink. Kindly compile all required information, including letters of recommendation and letter of acceptance from a tertiary educational institution into one envelope and mail to:

Marjorie Beckles Early Childhood Scholarship Fund
C/o The President C.I.E.C.A.
P.O. Box 31867
Grand Cayman KY1-1208
Cayman Islands

Postmark deadline: August 15th, 2012
(Incomplete or late applications will be rejected)

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Section I
Identification of Scholarship Applicant

How did you hear about the Marjorie Beckles Early Childhood Scholarship Fund? _____

Name: _____

Gender: () M () F Citizenship: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

CIECA Member: () Yes () No

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Section II
Applicant's Course of Study and Tertiary Educational Institution

Educational Institution: _____

Institution Address: _____

Section III
Educational History
(Most recent first)

School / Address	Subjects studied and qualifications gained	Dates

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Section IV
Employment History
(Most recent first)

Company name / Address	Job title and responsibilities	Dates

Section V
Personal Statement

Please provide a typed summary of not more than two (2) pages, explaining how you meet the scholarship requirements outlined below. (Pages may be attached as necessary)

Applicants must demonstrate a commitment, either through education, life experience or work in at least two of the following fields: Early Childhood Education; Child Development; Child Psychology; Family Studies; Social Work; Paediatric Nursing or other career related fields. Applicants must have the ultimate goal of working in the field of Early Childhood Care and Education.

**Section VI
Letters of Recommendation**

Your application must include recent recommendations from two persons, one of whom is a professional in the Early Childhood field who has worked with you. Include both letters in sealed envelopes along with your completed application. Your letters must be written specifically for this scholarship.

These guidelines should be provided to those persons who are writing your letter of recommendation:

- Include the name of the applicant at the top of the letter
- Include your own professional affiliation
- Indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity
- Include your evaluation of the applicant's academic ability and leadership potential.
- Include comments on any other aspect of the applicant's background, experiences, community involvement.

Please read, sign and date the following:

I certify that all information given herein is true and complete. Please be advised that all scholarship finalists are subject to a background check. In the event that I am awarded a scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or interview may result in the rescinding of my scholarship and legal action taken to recover funds awarded.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Application received (Date): _____ Photo (Yes / No): _____

Two (2) letters of recommendation (Yes / No): _____

Letter of acceptance from Educational Institution (Yes / No): _____

Interview (Date): _____

