



Association of Early Childhood Educators of Newfoundland & Labrador (AECENL)

## Joanne Juteau Early Childhood Education Scholarship

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#### Annual \$500 Scholarship to an ECE student

Joanne Juteau was known for her contributions to the Early Learning and Child Care Sector, inspiring and providing support to many Early Childhood Educators within the field.

AECENL's Joanne Juteau Early Childhood Education Scholarship will be awarded annually to an Early Childhood Education student who is at minimum enrolled into the second year of study in an ECE Diploma or an ECE related Advanced Diploma/Degree program from a provincially recognized Post-Secondary Institution. The Early Childhood Education student will have demonstrated commendable academic performance and community service over the course of their study in the program. The annual Joanne Juteau Early Childhood Education Scholarship is valued at \$500.00.

**Selection Process:** The AECENL Board will select the recipient on an annual basis.

**Apply To:** AECENL Scholarships

By Mail: P.O. Box 8657, St. John's, NL, A1B 3T1

Drop off in person/courier: 59 Pippy Place Suite 2A, St. John's, NL

By E-mail: [admin@aecenl.ca](mailto:admin@aecenl.ca)

#### **Award Criteria:**

- Resident of Newfoundland & Labrador
- Completed at minimum the first year (or equivalent of first year if completing the program by distance/online) of a two-year Early Childhood Education Diploma. The applicant is actively taking courses in the second year of an Early Childhood Education Diploma or is actively taking courses in an ECE related Advanced Diploma or ECE related Degree Program at a provincially recognized post-secondary institution.
- Has worked or volunteered with young children and demonstrates leadership and commitment to their community.

#### **Eligibility**

- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3 or 75% average. While we consider your GPA, we place great emphasis on your demonstrated commitment to leadership and community service.
- This scholarship is open to registered students who are completing their second year of study in an ECE Diploma or are completing an ECE related Advanced Diploma or ECE related Degree. At the time of applying, students must have already completed at least 50% of the courses of the ECE program that they are enrolled in (two-year ECE Diploma, ECE related Advanced Diploma or ECE related Degree Program). Proof of registration is required.



### **Application Package**

Scholarship Application Package must include all the following:

1. One completed application form, with signatures.
2. One copy of the most recent official post-secondary college transcript.
3. Proof of registration/current enrolment in an Early Childhood Education Diploma, Early Childhood Education related Advanced Diploma or Early Childhood Education related Degree program at a provincially recognized post-secondary institution
4. Letter written by the applicant outlining why they feel that they should be awarded the Joanne Juteau Scholarship with an emphasis on leadership and volunteer contributions to the school and community. Describe your educational and career goals and explain what or who has inspired or helped shape these goals. The letter should be no longer than one typed page.
5. One letter of reference written by a faculty member from the ECE Diploma/ECE related Advanced Diploma/ECE related Degree program that they are currently enrolled in. This letter should speak to the student's academic achievements and overall involvement in the program. It is requested to ensure confidentiality, the letter should be in its own sealed envelope, with the faculty member's signature over the sealed flap. If letter is being e-mailed from the referee, the e-mail must be sent directly to [admin@aecenl.ca](mailto:admin@aecenl.ca), it cannot be forwarded by the applicant.

### **Deadlines, Adjudication, and Presentation**

- The **deadline for applications is 4:30pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Completed Application Packages are to be submitted to AECENL.
- Applications will be adjudicated by the AECENL Board.
- The recipient will be announced in May 2026. Formal recognition will be given during AECENL's ECE Week (May 24th to May 30th, 2026) via social media such as Facebook and Twitter.
- Payment will be made directly to the recipient.

AECENL CANNOT CONSIDER INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS. It is your responsibility to make sure that your application is complete. If a document has been rejected, you will receive an email letting you know why. You should submit the correct document ASAP.

AECENL will notify applicants by email in mid-May 2026 regarding scholarship decisions. Please add AECENL to your contact list as a safe sender and check your junk or spam folder regularly. If you are awarded a scholarship, you must accept the award to receive it. Acceptance requires a prompt response to the email from AECENL by the stated deadline. Failure to respond by the deadline will result in the scholarship being forfeited. If you choose not to accept the scholarship, please indicate the reason in your response.

**If you have questions or difficulties, reach out to AECENL at: Email: [admin@aecenl.ca](mailto:admin@aecenl.ca) or Call: 1-(877) 579-3028**



## Reference Instructions

You must provide one letter of reference with your scholarship application. Employment related and/or friend or family member reference letters will not be considered. The reference letter would come from a faculty member from the applicant's early childhood education program. Provide the following instructions to your referee and ask them to return their reference letter to you in a sealed envelope or if you are applying by e-mail have them e-mail their reference letter by e-mail directly to AECENL.

### Instructions for Referees

You have been asked to provide a Letter of Reference for a student who is applying for the Joanne Juteau Early Childhood Education Scholarship. The selection committee relies heavily on these letters in selecting recipients. Please be frank in describing why the applicant is worthy of such an award, focusing on their leadership qualities and activities, not just academic achievements. Reference letters are confidential; therefore, please sign the reference letter and return your letter to the applicant in a sealed envelope. If letter is being e-mailed from the referee, the e-mail must be sent directly to [admin@aecenl.ca](mailto:admin@aecenl.ca) , it cannot be forwarded by the applicant.

Applicants have until 4:30pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to apply, so please be sure to return your letter in time for their submission by this date.

Reference letters should be original, typed, signed, and dated. The following information should appear at the top of your letter:

1. Name of applicant
2. Your name
3. Your phone number
4. Your email address
5. Your occupation/position
6. Your place of work
7. Your relationship to the applicant (how you know him/her)
8. Length of time you have known the applicant
9. Signature & Date