

Leslie A. Deem Professional Scholarship

Leslie Deem touched many lives during her twenty-seven years in the early childhood field. She has left behind a legacy of integrity, professionalism, servant leadership and love for God and children. A scholarship to support early childhood professionals has been established in her memory by family and friends.

Awards will be given for individual **professional development** which improves the quality of care for young children. Applicants can request **up to \$500** for opportunities such as, but not limited to, conference fees, professional association membership fees, advocacy efforts, community involvement, and leadership development.

Applicant eligibility requirements:

- Individuals must live and/or work in Stark County
- Applicants must have at least 6 months paid employment in the early childhood field
- Current salary must not exceed \$15.00/hour
- Applicants must be and remain in good professional standing
- Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED

Application process:

- Complete attached APPLICATION form
- Write ESSAY to describe your professional development request: must be typed, not to exceed 500 words
- Include ITEMIZED BUDGET for request
- Submit 2-3 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Deadline for applications: August 31, 2007. Award recipient(s) will be notified by mail and recognized at the Early Childhood Educators' Consortium Fall Conference on Oct. 6, 2007.



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