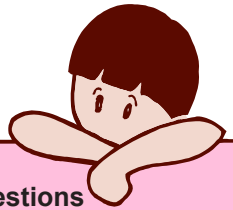
Are You Eligible?

To receive a Professional Advancement for Kids (PAK) Scholarship:

- ✔ You must work with Nevada County children under age six who have not entered Kindergarten, or their families, or their caretakers;
- ✔ You must not have received a PAK Scholarship last school year;
- ✔ You must want to attend a training or conference that will improve your skills in working with children under age six, who have not yet entered kindergarten, or their families, or their caretakers.

Please note:

- ✔ Funds may be awarded to applicants for registration, travel and other expenses related to an educational purpose. Food costs are not reimbursed, but parking, mileage, registration, etc. are.
- ✔ Funds may be awarded to applicants who would not otherwise be likely to take advantage of the educational opportunity.
- ✔ Funds will be equitably distributed, and will be granted in a manner that utilizes resources as efficiently as possible.



Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about this program!

Contact Information

First 5 Nevada County
Champion Mine Family Resource Center
400 Hoover Lane
Nevada City, CA 95959

Phone: (530) 265-0611

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If you have questions about PAK Scholarships or the Commission, please contact:

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Professional Advancement for Kids Scholarships

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Background

Many Nevada County service providers find it difficult to participate in educational opportunities because of geographical separation and/or monetary limitations. First 5 Nevada County recognizes this limitation and would like to help fill the financial gap with the Professional Advancement for Kids (PAK) Scholarships.

Service providers may qualify for a PAK Scholarship related to their work with children under the age of six, or their families/caretakers. These scholarships can cover actual expenses up to $300 per applicant.

This fund will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, as a limited number of scholarships are available. It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove eligibility and need in the 200 word narrative. Please see the reverse for contact information and feel free to call one of our staff with any questions.

Decisions made by First 5 Nevada County staff on applications can be appealed in writing to the Executive Director within 20 days of notification. The Executive Director will consult with the Commission Chair and their decision is final.

1. When can I apply?

Applications are accepted any time. Please note processing time in questions 4 and 5.

2. How much money can I apply for?

The maximum scholarship amount is $300. This can be in advance of an event or as a reimbursement for an event you attended within the last month.

3. What types of training opportunities are eligible for PAK Scholarships?

As long as your training is directly related to your work with children prenatal through age five, or their families, you are eligible for this scholarship program. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate why this is an appropriate and important training.**

4. How quickly will my application be processed?

After your application has been received, you will be notified within ten business days whether you have qualified for a scholarship.

5. If my application was approved, when can I expect the money?

After your application is approved, it will take up to 20 days to prepare a check. Therefore, you should apply about a month before you need the check.

6. How often can I apply?

You may receive only one scholarship every other fiscal year (July through the following June).

7. Where should I send my application?

First 5 Nevada County
400 Hoover Lane
Nevada City, CA 95959

PAK Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment/Service Provided:

_____

How many of the following do you work with...
- -Children under age 6? _____
- -Families with children under age 6? _____
- -Early childhood educators? _____

Name of Workshop/Training/Event:

_____

Date of event: _____

Total amount requested: $ _____

I certify that information given here and in the attached documents is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

_____

Signature of Applicant

_____

Date

A complete application includes :

- ✔ **The completed application form (above).**
- ✔ **A narrative that explains why you fit the eligibility criteria (see reverse). 200 words max.**
- ✔ **An itemized list that justifies each expense in the total amount requested, as listed on the application.**
- ✔ **All flyers, registration forms and other relevant information to describe and verify the event.**