



Santa Clara County Quality Matters Stipend Program 2019-2020

Program Description

The Santa Clara County Quality Matters Stipend Program is designed to provide financial incentives to family child care providers/staff, program administrators, and teaching staff employed at QUALITY MATTERS sites. Individuals enrolled in the program receive a stipend based on the completion of professional development trainings and/or college coursework within the year.

ENROLL ONLINE

www.santaclaraquality.org

***September 16, 2019 –
November 01, 2019***

**Questions? Contact us at
(408) 299-1700**

Eligibility Requirements

- Work as an Early educator at a QUALITY MATTERS Family Child Care Home or Center based site. This includes school-age, state-subsidized after-school center-based programs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A Family child care provider or assistant currently participating in SEEDS of Early Literacy or myTeachstone may only apply to the college coursework option.

- Work directly with children and hold a position traditionally referred to as assistant/aide, associate teacher, teacher, master/lead teacher, site supervisor, assistant director, program director, family child care owner, or family child care staff.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a Social Security number.
- Have access to a valid email account that is checked regularly.

**For more information about the Quality Matters Stipend Program,
please visit <https://www.e3institute.org>**

How to Earn a Stipend

TASK	Deadline Dates
1. Submit an online Enrollment form at www.santaclarquality.org and select either the College Coursework or Training Option	NOVEMBER 1, 2019
2. Complete ONE of the Stipend options below:	
<p>\$600 College Coursework Stipend</p> <p>Complete a minimum of 3 semester units (4 quarter units) toward a college degree or to obtain or upgrade a California Child Development Permit or credential with a grade of "C" or better between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.</p> <p>Additional details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General education and ESL/Basic Skills courses will be accepted. Courses must be taken through a nationally accredited college or university. 	JUNE 30, 2020
<p>\$400 Training Stipend</p> <p>Complete a minimum of 21 hours of professional development between July 1, 2019 and May 1, 2020. *NOTE: New deadline date – May 1, 2020</p> <p>Additional details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only WestEd E3 approved trainings will be counted. For a complete list of acceptable trainings, please visit www.e3institute.org College coursework can be used to satisfy the 21-hour requirement. Hours are calculated using the following conversion: 1 semester unit = 15 hours; 1 quarter unit = 10 hours. 	MAY 1, 2020
For NEW Participants Only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a California Early Care and Education Workforce Registry Account (www.caregistry.org) Submit a W-9 Form 	MAY 1, 2020

Important Information

- Stipends will be sent to the participant's home address in September 2020.
- WestEd E3 Institute may raise or lower stipend amounts based on the amount of available funds and the number of eligible applicants.
- Stipends must be declared as income subject to income tax. A 1099 form with the stipend amount will be mailed during the first week of February 2021 to any participant who received a stipend of \$600 or more.

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