

## Program Description

The Quality Matters Stipend Program is administered by WestEd E3 Institute, and 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 Quality Matters Stipend program receive a stipend based on the completion of professional development training and/or college coursework within the program year.

*Note: The Quality Matters Stipend program is offered through the partnership of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.*

ENROLL ONLINE  
[www.santaclaraquality.org](http://www.santaclaraquality.org)

September 14, 2020 –  
November 6, 2020

Questions?  
(408) 299-1700 or  
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## Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an Early Educator at a Santa Clara County QUALITY MATTERS Center Based Site or Family Child Care Home.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** A Family child care provider or assistant currently participating in SEEDS of Early Literacy or myTeachstone in Santa Clara County can only apply for 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.
- Have a Social Security number.
- Have access to a valid email account that is checked regularly.

This program is funded by FIRST 5 Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Office of Education with support from Quality Counts California and the California Department of Education.



## How to Earn a Stipend

TASK	Deadline Dates
1. Submit an online <b>Enrollment form</b> at <a href="http://www.santaclarquality.org">www.santaclarquality.org</a> . A professional development specialist will then be assigned to you.	NOVEMBER 6, 2020
2. Complete <b>ONE</b> of the Stipend options below:	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPTION 1 - \$600 College Coursework Stipend</b></p> <p>Complete a minimum of 3 semester units (4 quarter units) with a grade of "C" or better between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coursework must count toward a college degree or to obtain or upgrade a California Child Development Permit or credential.</li> <li>▪ General education and ESL/Basic Skills courses will be accepted.</li> <li>▪ Courses must be taken through a nationally accredited college or university.</li> </ul>	JUNE 30, 2021
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPTION 2 - \$400 Training Stipend</b></p> <p>Complete a minimum of 21 hours of professional development between July 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For a complete list of WestEd E3 Institute approved trainings, please visit <a href="http://www.e3institute.org">www.e3institute.org</a>.</li> <li>▪ College coursework can be used to satisfy the 21-hour requirement. Hour Conversion: 1 semester unit = 15 hours; 1 quarter unit = 10 hours</li> </ul>	MAY 1, 2021
<b>For NEW Participants Only</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have or create a California Early Care and Education Workforce Registry Account (<a href="http://www.caregistry.org">www.caregistry.org</a>)</li> <li>▪ Submit a W-9 Form</li> </ul>	MAY 1, 2021

- *Stipends will be sent to the participant's home address in September 2021.*
- *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 2022 to any participant who received a stipend of \$600 or more.*

**New this year: Participants will be contacted by a program specialist to review their professional development plan.**