Why choose Early Care and Education as a career?

Being a professional working in the Early Care and Education field is about more than just helping children learn shapes and colors. It is about helping young children feel good about learning and encouraging them to explore and develop. You will experience moments of excitement, pride, happiness and glee as you guide and witness the development of young brains and bodies! The “Ah Ha” moments happen daily!

Does this sound like you?

- You are patient
- You find joy in others
- You enjoy being creative
- You love learning
- You like something new everyday

Enroll in college coursework

Enroll at one of the local colleges, universities or one of many online options, and take early care and education or child development courses that lead to certificates and degrees in Early Care and Education or Child Development.

- San Joaquin Delta College
- Humphreys College
- University of the Pacific

Apply for the Stockton Scholars & First 5 Scholarship

Submit the completed application and W-9 to First 5 San Joaquin by TBD
By mail: First 5 San Joaquin, P.O. Box 201056, Stockton, CA 95201
By fax: (209) 932-2675
By email: sjckids@sjgov.org

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis subject to funding availability.

To Receive the Scholarship:

- Complete coursework. Coursework not requested at time of application are not eligible for scholarship.
- Submit grade reports to First 5 San Joaquin via mail, fax or email by TBD

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