

# *Stella Leonard Scholarship*

## Scholarship Application

*Stella Leonard was a champion of children, supporter of families, mentor to teachers and directors, classroom teacher, college professor, and friend to all who came into her life.*

Stella came to Riverside County with years of quality child care experience. In 1998, she moved to the Coachella Valley with the intention of spending her time with her new grandson, Nick. The valley had other opportunities waiting for her. Boehm Child Development Center was in the development stage and was delighted to have her expertise in opening the center. With Stella's guidance, Boehm become the first NAEYC accredited center in the Coachella Valley. Stella was a "gatherer". Within weeks of starting the Boehm Child Development Center, Stella was gathering directors together to rekindle a Director Network Group. She embraced all types of child care facilities. Her desire was for everyone to work together to create the best possible environments for children and their families. She was a California Mentor Director and encouraged providers to create quality work environments. Stella was the director for Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church Child Development Center and also directed the Loma Linda Child Development Center.

Stella never stopped "going to school" by attending workshops, conferences, and college classes. Stella was thrilled to receive her Masters in Education in 2013. As an adjunct faculty member she shared her knowledge and experience with students at College of the Desert and the University of Cambridge.

*It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Stella in January 2015 and it is with love and admiration we have chosen to honor her in a way that she would find meaningful. We are honored to offer the availability of the Stella Leonard Scholarship to support ongoing learning for educators and care givers in Riverside County.*





## Details

In honor of Stella Leonard, the Consortium for Early Learning Services has created the Stella Leonard Scholarship Fund to support teachers and assistants in the Early Care and Education field to further their education.

### You may choose from the following conferences:

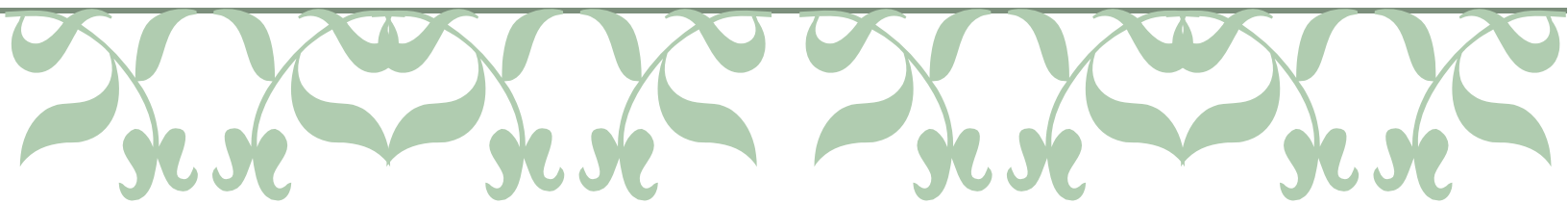
- 2017-2018 Virtual Inclusion Collaborative State Conference - 5 Scholarships available at \$50 each**  
The Virtual Inclusion Collaborative State Conference is an interactive and reflective educational opportunity to understand and learn evidenced based practices for individuals involved in the care and education of children from birth to 12th grade with and without disabilities.
- 2017-2018 Infant Toddler Conference - 8 scholarships available at \$25 each**  
Focusing on interaction between Early Care and Education professionals and children from birth to 24 months.
- 2018 Heart for Health Conference - 4 scholarships available at \$50 each**  
Focusing on good nutrition and physical activity for the growth and development of young children.
- 2018 CAEYC Annual Conference & Expo - 2 scholarships available up to \$500**  
The California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC). CAEYC strives to unite educators of young children and advocates for political and professional leadership.
- 2018 Early Literacy Conference - 4 scholarships available at \$50 each**  
This one day gathering of Early Literacy Professionals feature a prominent keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

## Rules

- In order to be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit completed and signed Scholarship Applications no later than 5:00 PM on 09/01/2017. Applications can be submitted via email to **agomez@ConsortiumELS.org** or by fax to **951-248-9293**.
- Applicants must be currently working in the Early Care and Education field or be currently enrolled in an accredited college working on a degree in Early Care and Education. Applicants must submit proof of employment in the Early Care and Education field and/or unofficial college transcripts. A letter of recommendation is required from employer.
- All scholarship recipients are required to submit a presentation that can be shared at a Regional Meeting. ***Presentation must be completed within 30 days of the conference and can done in a PowerPoint, video or typewritten format.***

Application and questions can be submitted to:  
Annette Gomez, Office Manager  
Consortium for Early Learning Services  
21250 Box Springs Road, Suite 113  
Moreno Valley, CA 92557  
agomez@ConsortiumELS.org

*We will notify the applicants by email regarding  
the decision of the selection committee by  
Monday, October 2, 2017*





## 2017 - 2018 Stella Leonard Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you a member of any ECE organization? Yes  No  If yes, which one?

2. What are your current professional roles via employment and/or volunteer?

3. Do you volunteer or are you willing to volunteer at community events? If so, what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How long have you worked in the Early Care and Education field? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What goals and/or aspirations do you have for your career and how will this conference help you achieve those goals? \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Requested:

- Virtual Inclusion State Conference
- Infant Toddler Conference
- Heart for Health Conference
- CAEYC Annual Conference
- Early Literacy Conference

6. Why should you be considered to receive this scholarship?

7. How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand if any information included in this application is false, this application will be void. Awarded funds shall be utilized to help defray the costs of attending awarded conference. **If awarded funds, I understand I must complete a presentation as indicated in the application rules. If I am unable to attend the conference awarded or do not fulfil the requirements; I will refund the full awarded amount to Consortium for Early Learning Services.** I understand that failure to fulfill any of the requirements of the Stella Leonard application, will result in no further consideration of awards or scholarship through the Consortium for Early Learning Services.

