

International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute's Scholarship Guidelines

Conference Overview

The International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, commonly referred to as the "Inclusion Institute" is one of the premier educational opportunities for anyone involved in the care and education of young children with disabilities (birth to eight) in inclusive settings. We are overjoyed to celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2025 with the theme, *Honoring Our 25 Year History—Reflecting, Celebrating, and Advancing*

For a quarter century, the Inclusion Institute has drawn people from across the nation and around the world to Chapel Hill, NC to:

- **develop collaborative relationships and cross-agency systems that support early childhood inclusion;**
- **discover evidence-based practices, resources, and tools for promoting opportunities for inclusion; and**
- **meet, learn from, and problem-solve with peers.**

This year we are excited to continue our partnership with [SCRIPT-NC](#) to offer a higher education/professional development strand and with [Childhood Education International](#) to develop and offer an international strand.

Scholarships

Each virtual and in-person scholarship will cover the cost of registration for a pre-Institute workshop on May 13, as well as the main institute on May 13-15, 2025.

In addition, the in-person scholarship will include up to three nights of lodging at a hotel partnering with our event if you live more than 50 miles away from Chapel Hill, NC. Depending on the number of applications we receive, our in-person scholarships may include air travel coverage for those in need.

Criteria for Scholarships

Applicants **must be a family member of a child or children with a disability, aged birth to 5 years**. This includes, but is not limited to parents, grandparents, guardians, siblings, aunt, or uncle.

Application Requirements

Applications must be completed in full and submitted to the Inclusion Institute by the deadline. Incomplete submissions will result in the submission not being reviewed. The Inclusion Institute may request supplemental information, if necessary, to make their selections.

Application Submission

Scholarship applications must be completed via [Google Form](#) by midnight on **January 31, 2025**.

Application Follow Up

The Inclusion Institute Planning Committee will review the applications for scholarship, and will notify applicants via email on the status of their application. Scholarship applications will be awarded by March 1, 2025. Any inquiries regarding the status of the scholarship application should be directed to inclusioninstitute@unc.edu.