



**CENTER FOR THE ADULT LEARNER  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
CONSTANCE AND LEWIS COUNTS SCHOLARSHIP**

**What is the Constance and Lewis Counts Scholarship?**

The Constance and Lewis Counts Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2001. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a graduate of the Adult Baccalaureate program and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education in the Graduate School of Education.

Constance and Lewis Counts believe that diversity and the richness of multicultural opportunities increase understanding and enrich learning, and they are committed to help close the access gap to higher education for new Americans and first generation college students, especially adults returning to school. Dr. Constance Counts taught for years in the Adult Baccalaureate College at Lesley, and she has a long record of championing early childhood education as an opportunity to help our youngest citizens attain the foundation to pursue the American Dream.

**Award**

For the **fall 2017** semester, two scholarships of \$2,225 each will be awarded.

**Eligibility Criteria**

An applicant to the Constance and Lewis Counts Scholarship should

- demonstrate a commitment to the field of early childhood education; and
- have a strong interest in multicultural issues.

**AND**

Undergraduate scholarship applicants should

- be a student in LCAL enrolled in the Early Childhood Studies Program or Early Childhood Education Major;
- be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits during the fall 2017 semester; and
- have documented financial need.

Graduate scholarship applicants should

- hold a Bachelor's degree from the Adult Baccalaureate Program or from the Center for the Adult Learner at Lesley University;
- be accepted into one of the following programs of study in the Graduate School of Education:
  - M.Ed. in Early Childhood: Teacher of Students With and Without Disabilities (PreK-2) leading to Initial or Professional Teacher License in Early Childhood or
  - M.Ed. in Early Childhood: Teacher of Students With and Without Disabilities (PreK-2) and Creative Arts in Learning leading to Initial Teacher License in Early Childhood;
- be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits during the fall 2017 semester; and
- have documented financial need.

Recipients can re-apply for the scholarship for subsequent fall semesters, and undergraduate students are eligible to apply as graduate students if they enroll in a designated master's degree program at Lesley and meet the requirements.

## **Application Requirements**

Applicants must

- be a student in LCAL enrolled in the Early Childhood Studies program, OR
- be accepted into an [early childhood Master's degree program](#) in the Graduate School of Education;
- submit the scholarship application, resume, and essay to the Graduate School of Education **by Monday, May 1, 2017;**
- file the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) using the Lesley University code, 002160. The FAFSA can be found at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## **Application Submissions**

Applications and all supporting materials may be emailed (preferred), faxed, or mailed.

**Email (preferred):** [bulm@lesley.edu](mailto:bulm@lesley.edu)

Fax: 617.349.8190, Attn: Barbara Ulm

USPS: Barbara Ulm  
Lesley University Graduate School of Education  
29 Everett Street  
Cambridge, MA 20138



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### Scholarship Application for Fall 2017

Full Name (last, first, middle initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Street address, apartment/unit) \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home  Work

Email:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_ OR Lesley ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Start date at Lesley: \_\_\_\_\_ Education courses taken at Lesley: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Receipt of application will be confirmed via email unless applicant specifies otherwise.

### Resume

Please include a current resume with your application.

### Essay Guidelines

Please write a 2-page essay addressing the questions below. The essay should be typed, double-spaced in a 12-point font.

- 1) What makes you a good candidate for the Constance and Lewis Counts Scholarship (academic background, life and work experiences, community service, special accomplishments, and interests)?
- 2) Discuss why you want to be an early childhood educator and the strengths you will bring to the field of early childhood education.
- 3) Describe your interest in multicultural issues and the importance of developing and implementing strategies to address cultural and linguistic diversity in early childhood education.

Please submit applications and all supporting materials by email (preferred), fax, or USPS.

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### Deadline: May 1, 2017