



**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 accepted in the Center for the Adult Learner (LCAL) as an undergraduate pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in the Early Childhood Studies program or is a graduate of the adult learning 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 2014** semester, one scholarship of \$5000 will be awarded.

Scholarship Criteria

An applicant to the Constance and Lewis Counts Scholarship should:

- Demonstrate a commitment to the field of early childhood education;
- Have a strong interest in multicultural issues.

AND

For the Undergraduate Scholarship:

- 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 2014 fall semester;
- Have documented financial need.

For the Graduate Scholarship:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree from the Adult Baccalaureate Program or from the Center for Adult Learning 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
 - 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 2014 fall semester;
- Have documented financial need.

Students can apply for the scholarship in each term and undergrad students are eligible to apply as graduate students if they continue on into the Master's 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 Friday, August 1, 2014.**
- 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.

Application Submissions

Completed applications may be submitted via U.S. mail or fax.

Mail to: Lesley University
Graduate School of Education
Attn: Jennifer Petinge
29 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790

Fax: 617.349.8190
Attn: Jennifer Petinge



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Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apt. #/Unit #*

_____ *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: _____ Cell Home Work

Email: _____

Social Security Number: **X X X - X X -** _ _ _ _ or Lesley ID#: _ _ _ _ _

Program: _____ Fall 2015

Start Date with Lesley: _____ Education courses taken at Lesley: _____

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.

Deadline: August 1, 2014

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Criteria met: Yes No Received by deadline: Yes No Scholarship awarded: Yes No

Notes: