

Program Description

The Quality Matters Stipend Program is administered by WestEd E3 Institute, and is designed to provide financial incentives to family child care providers/staff, program administrators, and teaching staff employed at QUALITY MATTERS sites or a Quality Counts San Benito Site.

Individuals enrolled in the Quality Matters Stipend program receive a stipend based on the completion of professional development training and/or college coursework within the program year.

Note: The Quality Matters Stipend program is offered through the partnership of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, First 5 San Benito County, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

ENROLL ONLINE
www.santaclaraquality.org

September 14, 2020 –
November 6, 2020

Questions?
(408) 299-1700 or
e3@wested.org

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an Early Educator at a Santa Clara County QUALITY MATTERS Center Based Site or Family Child Care Home or an eligible Quality Counts San Benito site.
IMPORTANT NOTE: A Family child care provider or assistant currently participating in SEEDS of Early Literacy or myTeachstone in Santa Clara County can only apply for the college coursework option. Family child providers in San Benito can apply for either the college coursework or training options.
- Work directly with children, and, hold a position traditionally referred to as assistant/aide, associate teacher, teacher, master/lead teacher, site supervisor, assistant director, program director, family child care owner, or family child care staff.
- Have a Social Security number.
- Have access to a valid email account that is checked regularly.

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How to Earn a Stipend

TASK	Deadline Dates
1. Submit an online Enrollment form at www.santaclarquality.org . A professional development specialist will then be assigned to you.	NOVEMBER 6, 2020
2. Complete ONE of the Stipend options below:	
<p style="text-align: center;">OPTION 1 - \$600 College Coursework Stipend</p> <p>Complete a minimum of 3 semester units (4 quarter units) with a grade of "C" or better between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coursework must count toward a college degree or to obtain or upgrade a California Child Development Permit or credential. ▪ General education and ESL/Basic Skills courses will be accepted. ▪ Courses must be taken through a nationally accredited college or university. 	JUNE 30, 2021
<p style="text-align: center;">OPTION 2 - \$400 Training Stipend</p> <p>Complete a minimum of 21 hours of professional development between July 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For a complete list of WestEd E3 Institute approved trainings, please visit www.e3institute.org. ▪ College coursework can be used to satisfy the 21-hour requirement. Hour Conversion: 1 semester unit = 15 hours; 1 quarter unit = 10 hours 	MAY 1, 2021
For NEW Participants Only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have or create a California Early Care and Education Workforce Registry Account (www.caregistry.org) ▪ Submit a W-9 Form 	MAY 1, 2021

- *Stipends will be sent to the participant's home address in September 2021.*
- *WestEd E3 Institute may raise or lower stipend amounts based on the amount of available funds and the number of eligible applicants.*
- *Stipends must be declared as income subject to income tax. A 1099 form with the stipend amount will be mailed during the first week of February 2022 to any participant who received a stipend of \$600 or more.*

New this year: Participants will be contacted by a program specialist to review their professional development plan.