

Carolyn and Jerry Rybicki

Scholarship Guidelines

The Carolyn and Jerry Rybicki Scholarship was established in memory of a family who gave their energy to ensuring high quality early care and education for young children in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Led by Carolyn and supported by Jerry, the Rybicki family has been tireless in supporting professional development for all teachers of young children. Upon Jerry's death, the family established the scholarship fund through the St. Louis Association for the Education of Young Children. When Carolyn passed away in 2005, the scholarship was renamed and management was moved to the Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children.

Guidelines

1. The Rivers Bend Association for the Education of Young Children (RBAEYC) serves as the fiscal agent for the scholarship fund.
2. Donations for the scholarship fund are solicited through the RBAEYC newsletter and on-line.
3. Scholarships are awarded to RBAEYC members for the purpose of attending the annual National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) national conference.
4. Scholarship recipients are required to be supported by their program or school with no lost time for attendance at the conference.
5. Upon return from the conference, the scholarship recipient is required to present information to her/his program or school for the purpose of transfer of knowledge.
6. The scholarship recipient is required to write an article about the experience for the RBAEYC newsletter.
7. The scholarship recipient is required to write a thank-you note to the Rybicki family.
8. The scholarship recipient is required to serve on a RBAEYC committee the following year.
9. The scholarship recipient is required to report to the board at the annual general meeting in the spring.
10. Any scholarship recipient may only receive the scholarship once per lifetime.
11. The amount of the scholarship awarded each year is determined by the amount of donations secured by RBAEYC.
12. The maximum amount awarded to any one recipient is \$1000.
13. If no donations are given to the scholarship fund, RBAEYC is under no obligation to award a scholarship during that fiscal year.