



# Maryland State Child Care Association

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***Caring For Maryland's Most  
Important Natural Resource<sup>T</sup>***

## **MSCCA benefits feature, The Jennifer Nizer "Passion for Excellence Grant"**

Are you passionate about working with young children? Do you strive for excellence for children and for yourself as a teacher, provider, or program?

Let MSCCA help you ignite your passion and reach the high standards required in our state. MSCCA will pay direct service payment to the college or certification program with this grant or Professional Development training needed to attain the highest levels of credentialing paid directly to MSDE approved trainers in Maryland. Additionally, should your program need staff training, equipment, curriculum, assessment tools or quality improvements to attain highest standards, MSCCA will use the grant funds to pay for direct services or products needed for program quality.

Please read and follow the application guidelines below and submit your request by the deadline indicated. Contact Christina Peusch at 410-820-9196 or email to info@mscca.org to answer questions or clarify application.

The completed application must be postmarked or emailed by March 15, 2023.

Grant applicants must be members of the Maryland State Child Care Associations. All successful grantees must sign a grant agreement regarding the use of funds and project reporting at the time of receipt of funds.

Non compliance with the terms of the grant may influence future application decisions.

MSCCA is a 501(c)(3)Charitable Organization, EIN:52-1398476

### **Section I. Provisions of the grant:**

Child Care Center who receives grant funds must currently be members of the Maryland State Child Care Association.

Individuals applying must work in a child care center which is a member of MSCCA or must be an Individual Member according to MSCCA application requirements and bylaws. (i.e. Registered Family Child Care)

Applicants who receive grant funds must comply with grant application requests to include completing classes or training in full and receive a passing grade or certificate of completion.

Applicants who receive grant funds must remain a professional in the child care field for a minimum of 2 years after the grant is dispersed.

The grant is limited to \$5000.00 per award.

### **Section II. Individual and Organizational Information:**

Please indicate (\*) the best means of contacting you and your organization:

Name of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Email: (If available) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Phone #: (If available) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section III. Summary:**

We would like to learn more about your organization including, but not limited to:

Mission statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic and demographic community served, including number served: \_\_\_\_\_

Most important accomplishments of the past two years: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section IV. Grant Request:**

Please describe in full the purpose of the grant and if funded, how it would strengthen the child care and early education community:

Amount requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grant will be used to: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant will strengthen the Child Care and Early Education community by: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section V. Supporting Documentation:**

Please attach the following documentation/information required BELOW with your application and submit by March 15, 2023 to MSCCA Grant Committee.

MSCCA is now requiring all grant applications to be mailed via certified mail to: MSCCA Grant at 1783 Forest Drive # 314 Annapolis, MD. 21401 Attention: Grant Committee. Postal applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2023. (1-8 below)

1. Complete information for chosen Professional Development provider (contact at college or university or training company, classes chosen and proof of acceptance into higher education, other grants received or training program on specific letterhead)
2. Complete information for company you wish to purchase items needed for program improvement (include item numbers, phone number to order and shipping costs)
3. Credential level certificate for individual or Maryland EXCELS Level with documentation
4. Certifications, Office of Child Care License/Registration or Letter of Compliance, Degree or copy of credits earned from college for individual or program requesting grant funds)
5. Center/Program handbook
6. Current annual report, if applicable
7. Current newsletter
8. W-9
9. Photographs of the program/center activities, with signed releases