

Scholarship Announcement

Pelino Family Scholarships

For Pre-K through 3 Teachers, Both Current and Aspiring

Erikson Institute is pleased to announce a special scholarship opportunity for Erikson students who are teachers in prekindergarten through third grade classrooms, as well as those who are pursuing their early childhood teaching license.

The **Pelino Family Scholarships** will be awarded to students enrolled in an Erikson master's degree program, the online Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL Certificate Program, or initial teacher licensure course work (for applicants who already hold a master's degree) beginning in the 2016-17 academic year. The scholarship was established with the goal of ensuring that greater numbers of the Chicago area's youngest students will share a classroom with teachers possessing a deep knowledge of child development and early childhood education. The scholarships are valued from \$16,000 to \$22,000 for students enrolled in a master's degree program, \$10,000 for students enrolled in the 24-credit initial teacher licensure course work, and \$13,500 for students enrolled in the Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL Certificate Program. Priority for scholarship awards will be given to:

- Students of color
- Students specializing in bilingual/ESL education or early childhood special education
- Students who work or plan to work in high-need Chicago-area schools

Requirements for admission and scholarship consideration include:

- Completion of the appropriate application for admission. Application links can be accessed at www.erikson.edu/apply.
- An official, sealed copy of ALL previous college/university transcripts. Transcripts must be mailed to Erikson directly from each college/university's registrar office.
- Three letters of recommendation for a master's degree or teacher licensure coursework. Two letters of recommendation for the Early Childhood Bilingual/ESL Certificate Program.
- A personal interview with an Erikson faculty member.
- Completion of the 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the 2016-17 Erikson Supplemental Financial Aid Application. Links to both forms are available at www.erikson.edu/financialaid.

Submit all application materials by **April 15, 2016** for priority consideration for admission and scholarship funding. We will continue to accept applications for admission and will award scholarships after this date pending availability of funds.

If you have questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Michel Frendian, dean of enrollment management, at mfrendian@erikson.edu.