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**PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA CAMPUS**

The Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education Scholarship at the university level aims to:

* educate and provide an experience-based pathway for both individuals employed in the early childhood profession teaching birth to age six, as well as those aiming to enter the early childhood field, to obtain degrees and advance the profession,
* attract, select, and retain more qualified staff for childcare centers,
* advocate for and meet the needs of young children, birth through age six, and the field of early childhood education.

Please read the scholarship aims and instructions thoroughly before completing the form: [www.calu.edu/rutledge](http://www.calu.edu/rutledge).

Initial applicants will be notified by December 1st of application status.

If you are selected to advance to the next stage of the application process, you may be asked for further supporting documentation. We will evaluate your initial application, and send any subsequent correspondences, using only the information you provide below. Please ensure that your entries are correct and properly formatted.

I have read and understand the instructions linked above. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have.

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| **Personal Information** | | | | |
| Full Name: |  | Date: | |  |
| Mailing Address: |  | | | |
| Physical Address: |  | | | |
| Personal email: |  | | Phone: |  |

**Select the scholarship program you are applying for: (select one only)**

* Associate Degree in Preschool Education
* Bachelor’s Degree in Grades PreK-4 with Teaching Certification
* Master’s Degree in Early Childhood Education

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| **Educational Information** | | | |
| **Check the box that best describes your educational history:**   * No high school diploma * High school diploma/GED  Graduation Date (mo./yr.): | | * Associate Degree (Major: ) * Bachelor’s Degree (Major: ) Graduation Date (mo./yr.): | |
| **If you have attended school (high school, trade school, or university) within the last 5 years, please complete the following information:** | | | |
| **School Name:** |  | | |
| **GPA:** |  | | |
| **Basic Skills Test Scores:**  If you have taken a basic skills test, please include your test scores for the appropriate exam(s). | ACT Exam | | SAT Exam |
| Reading: | | Reading: |
| Math: | | Math: |
| Writing: | | Writing & Language: |
| PAPA Exam | | Praxis Core Exam |
| Reading: | | Reading: |
| Math: | | Math: |
| Writing: | | Writing: |

**Names of 3 professional references who will be submitting the Rutledge Institute Scholar Recommendation Form:**

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| **Professional References** | | |
| **Name** | **Phone/Email** | **Relationship** |
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**Are you currently employed in early care and education?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If yes, please complete the information below.

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| **Employment Status** | | | |
| **What is your current job title?** | | | |
| * Teacher * Assistant Teacher | * Non-teaching support staff | * Director * Assistant Director | * Owner |
| **What age groups do you teach?** | |  | |
| * Infant (0 -12 months) * Toddler (13 – 36 months) | | * Preschool (37 months – PreK) * School Age | |
| **How long have you worked in the field of early childhood?** | |  | |
| * Less than 2 years * 2-5 years | | * 6-10 years * 10+ years | |
| **Dates of employment (Beginning to Now):** | |  | |
| **Early Childhood Employer / Facility Name:** | |  | |

By signing below, I agree to permit PennWest California faculty to review my academic and/or professional records (as applicable to scholarship program) and other information provided to determine my eligibility for the Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education Scholarship.

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| **Signature** | **Date** |
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Submit this completed application along with the appropriate documents for the Rutledge Institute Scholarship Program you are applying for to the Rutledge Institute email: [RutledgeProgram-Cal@pennwest.edu](mailto:RutledgeProgram-Cal@pennwest.edu) by the November 15th deadline. Please follow the instructions for submission on the Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education webpage: [www.calu.edu/rutledge](http://www.calu.edu/rutledge).