



UTAH HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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LouAnne Ross Charlesworth Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

In memory of LouAnne Ross Charlesworth, a devoted Early Head Start teacher, this scholarship will be awarded to a Head Start or Early Head Start teacher, assistant, or aide who is pursuing further education or certification in early childhood education. The scholarship celebrates LouAnne's passion and innate talent for child development.

About LouAnne:

Caring for children was one of LouAnne's greatest joys, and throughout her life she touched the lives of countless young ones. LouAnne began her career as an elementary teacher and eventually went back to school to obtain her certification in early childhood education. She then became an Early Head Start teacher in Davis School District, where she worked for over twenty years. LouAnne's family and colleagues saw firsthand her passion for young children. At work, you could almost always find LouAnne on the ground with her students, singing, reading, and always interacting with them. At home, she frequently talked about her students (sometimes even in her sleep), sharing her concerns for their wellbeing and hopes for their future. LouAnne's love for children extended into her personal life as well: she was an amazing mother and an even better grandmother. LouAnne once told her family that her vision of heaven—where we know she is now—is being surrounded by babies.

Award specific criteria (check all that apply):

- The applicant/nominee is currently a Head Start/Early Head Start teacher, assistant, or aide.
- The applicant/nominee is enrolled in or accepted into an early childhood education degree/certification program that is not fully reimbursable or covered by another source.
- The applicant/nominee intends to remain an employee of Head Start/Early Head Start for at least two years upon completing the further education/certification.

Application:

Name of applicant/nominee: _____

Name of nominator (if applicable): _____

Relationship of nominator to nominee (if applicable): Supervisor Coworker

Parent of student Other: _____

Applicant/nominee's home address: _____

Applicant/nominee's home telephone: _____

Applicant/nominee's household size: _____

Single/Two-parent wage earner: _____

Approximate monthly income: _____

Applicant/nominee's Head Start/Early Head Start employer: _____

Employer's address: _____

Employer's telephone: _____

Applicant/nominee's position(s) held at Head Start/Early Head Start and total years of service: _____

Applicant/nominee's post-high school education (indicate the institution, years attended, and degrees/certifications obtained (if any)): _____

Other scholarships, awards, or grants the applicant/nominee has received for purposes of obtaining further education: _____

Personal Statement:

Please write a brief statement about you/the nominee, which addresses the following points:

- What motivated you/the nominee to become a Head Start/Early Head Start employee;
- Your/the nominee’s plans for pursuing further education/certification in early childhood education and how you hope that education will advance your career;
- How you/the nominee personify(ies) LouAnne’s love for young children and commitment to the mission of Head Start/Early Head Start