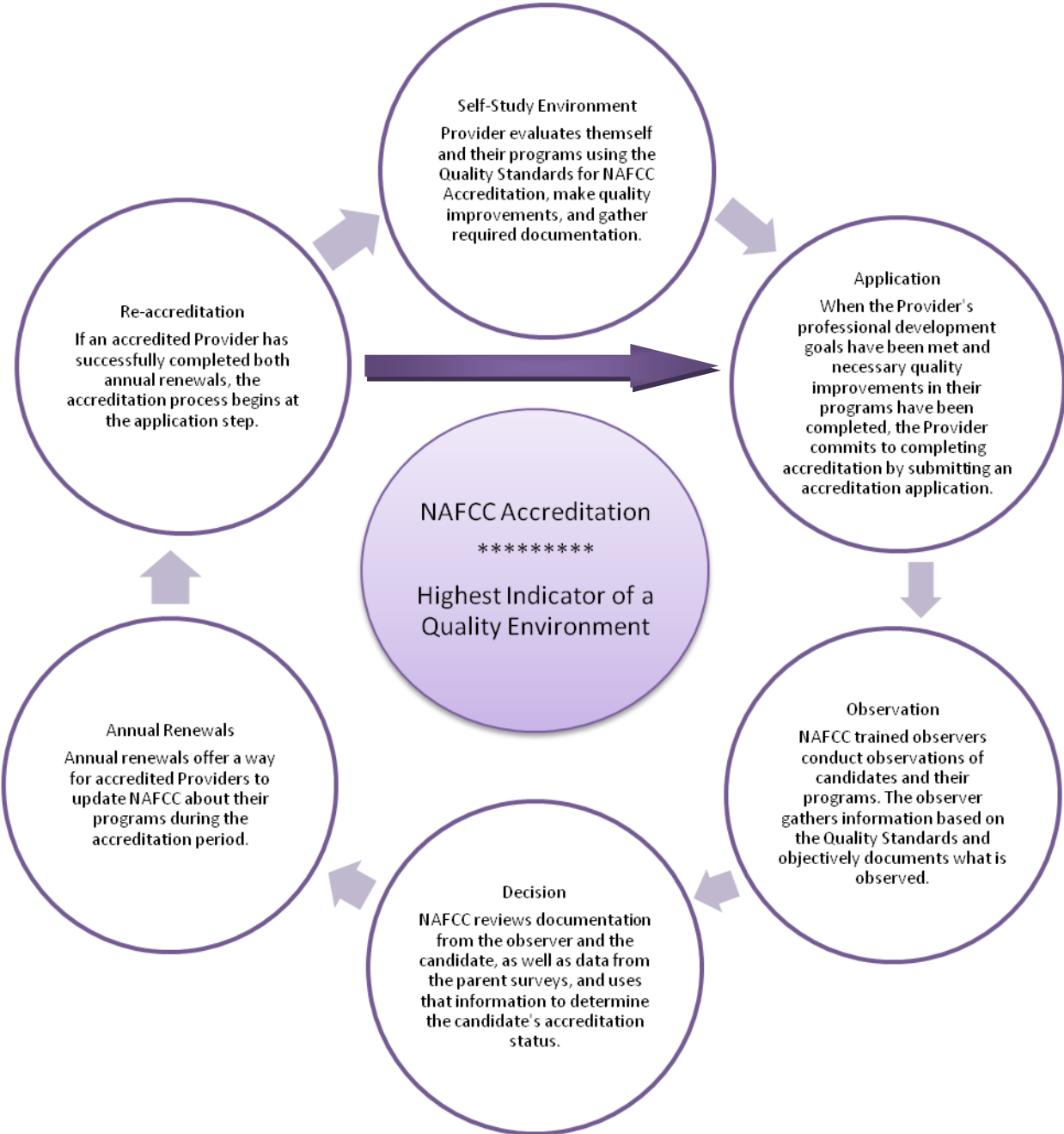


# CAFCC EDUCATION FOUNDATION ACCREDITATION SCHOLARSHIP



## Funding for NAFCC Accreditation

The Boulder County Family Child Care Association has graciously donated \$2,000 to CAFCC to be used specifically by its members to obtain and/or renew their NAFCC Accreditation. A CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship Fund has been set up by the Education Foundation and is now available to CAFCC members who are interested in completing and receiving a NAFCC Accreditation.

Fees for NAFCC Accreditation are roughly \$300 for the Self-Study Enrollment, \$500 for the Application, and \$150 for Annual Renewal (rates are based on NAFCC membership only). CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship Funds is for members who are seriously interested in becoming NAFCC Accredited or renewing their NAFCC Accreditation. Funds are not intended to fully fund any one Accreditation, but rather help its members begin the process.

## What is NAFCC Accreditation?

Accreditation is a process many different industries use to identify exemplary practices in that particular field. Accreditation is both a status and a process. As a status, accreditation provides public notification that an institution or program meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency. As a process, accreditation reflects the fact that in achieving recognition by the accrediting agency, the institution or program is committed to self-study and external review by one's peers in seeking not only to meet standards but to continuously seek ways in which to enhance the quality of the services provided.

NAFCC sponsors the only nationally recognized accreditation system, designed specifically for family child care providers. This system was designed by hundreds of providers, parents, and early care and education experts in an effort to create a quality indicator for family child care programs across the country.

NAFCC Accreditation is recognized as the highest indicator that a family child care program is a quality environment. In states where Quality Rating Systems have been implemented, NAFCC Accreditation is often the "top" level in the rating system.

NAFCC Accreditation is awarded to family child care providers who meet the eligibility requirements and the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation. Accreditation reflects a high level of quality through a process that examines all aspects of the family child care program, i.e. relationships, the environment, developmental learning activities, safety and health, and professional and business practices. Once family child care providers become accredited, they agree to abide by the standards set forth and to be measured against those standards, with periodic integrity and compliance reviews. There are over 2100 NAFCC Accredited providers throughout the United States and in other locations worldwide where military family child care professionals operate.

## How does one go about receiving a NAFCC Accreditation?

When candidates believe they have made the necessary professional development and quality improvements, they demonstrate their commitment to completing the process when they submit the Accreditation Application. Upon receipt of the application, NAFCC assesses candidate eligibility for completing the accreditation process. Candidates should submit an application only if they are ready for an observation.

## How to Apply for Accreditation

Candidates must have enrolled in self-study to apply for accreditation. Candidates must meet all eligibility requirements and submit an application with all applicable documents in order for NAFCC to verify eligibility. If candidates are applying as co-providers, they must each meet the eligibility criteria. Co-providers will submit one application, which includes required information for both candidates.

Full details, information, and application forms for NAFCC Accreditation can be downloaded by visiting the NAFCC website at [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org)

## CAFCCCF ACCREDITATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAFCC Accreditation Scholarships are strictly for the purpose of supporting those individuals interested in NAFCC Accreditation promoting quality in the child care field. Scholarship funds awarded to any applicant will be a **one-time opportunity** and will be offered as long as funds are available.

Scholarships awarded will **not to exceed \$250** per scholarship. The table below lists the fees for each phase of the NAFCC Accreditation. Applicant must determine which phase they will be requesting for the scholarship noting this on the Application Form.

Fees for NAFCC Accreditation

Phase	NAFCC Fee	CAFCCCF Maximum Limit Funded
Self-Study Enrollment	\$300	\$150
Application	\$500	\$250
Annual Renewal	\$150	\$75
Accreditation Package	\$900	\$250

CAFCC Education Foundation Trustees will be responsible for considering all Accreditation Scholarship Applications determining the amount of each scholarship that is to be awarded. CAFCCCF does not guarantee that full amount of funds requested will be awarded.

In the event that a CAFCC Education Foundation Trustee applies for a CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship, that person shall recuse herself from this panel.

Written notification of approval/denial and the amount of funds awarded to each applicant will be the responsibility of the CAFCC Education Foundation.

Any, and all, Scholarships awarded will be determined by the availability of funds.

CAFCCCF Scholarship Applications may be submitted at any time after the applicant has formally begun the NAFCC Accreditation process.

Funds awarded will be administered once documentation has been received showing verification that the applicant is actively pursuing NAFCC Accreditation along with the required essay that will be submitted to the CAFCC Rocking Horse for publication. (Refer to Criteria on specifics of essay.)

### CRITERIA TO BE MET

Applicant must be a current licensed family child care provider for a minimum of three (3) years.

Applicant must be a current member in good standing with the Colorado Association of Family Child Care (CAFCC) for a minimum of three (3) years.

Applicant must be a current member in good standing with the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) for a minimum of three (3) years.

Applicant must be a current member in good standing with at least one local Child Care Association for a minimum of three (3) years.

Applicant must have actively served CAFCC or CAFCCCF in one of the following areas for at least two (2) years prior to the request:

- CAFCC Board Member\*
- CAFCC Executive Board Member\*
- CAFCC Standing Committee Member\*
- CAFCC Education Foundation Trustee\*

The above referenced positions must be verified by submitting a letter from the respective organization from which the applicant has served.

**Or**

Applicant must have actively served NAFCC and/or their local child care association in one of the following areas for at least two (2) years prior to the request:

Executive Board Member  
Board Member  
Standing Committee Member

The above referenced positions must be verified by submitting a letter from the respective organization from which the applicant has served.

Scholarship funds are to be used for NAFCC Accreditation (Initial Accreditation or Renewal).

Applicant must submit verification of proof that they have begun the NAFCC Accreditation process.

Applicant must match scholarship funds awarded providing documentation showing verification of matching funding. Submission of aforementioned documentation is required one month following awarding of funds.

In the event that the required documentation is not be provided to the CAFCC Education Foundation verifying recipients matching of funds, the entire scholarship amount awarded is to be refunded to the CAFCC Education Foundation immediately.

In the event that documentation of matching funds submitted by the recipient is found to be insufficient, the recipient shall refund to the CAFCC Education Foundation all funds awarded in their entirety.

Applicant must submit a completed CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship Application along with verification that they are a current member of NAFCC and local association. (CAFCC membership will be verified with the CAFCC Treasurer.)

Applicant must complete and submit for publication in the CAFCC Rocking Horse a one-page (minimum of 500 words) essay explaining why they wish to obtain (or renew) an NAFCC Accreditation. This essay is to be submitted with the CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship Application Form. (CAFCC reserves the right to edit each essay that is to be published in the Rocking Horse.)

Within sixty (60) days of Notification of Completion from NAFCC on their Accreditation, applicant must present to the CAFCC Board a three (3) to five (5) minute report on their experience.

The amount awarded to any applicant will be contingent upon **all** scholarship criteria being met submitting the Scholarship Application along with all applicable documents in order for Trustees to verify eligibility.



# CAFCC ACCREDITATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Please state your involvement during the past 3 years in CAFCC, CAFCC Education Foundation, NAFCC, and local Associations you belong to:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	YEAR JOINED	CURRENT MEMBER YES OR NO	POSITIONS HELD
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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## CHILD CARE HISTORY

Are you currently providing child care?  Yes  No

Year you received your child care license \_\_\_\_\_

State of Colorado Child Care License Number \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL REQUEST

Amount of funds your are requesting \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If funds are awarded they will go towards one of the following NAFCC Accreditation phases: **(Check one)**

<i>Self-Study Enrollment</i>	
<i>Application</i>	
<i>Annual Renewal</i>	
<i>Accreditation Package</i>	

(Application Form Continued)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I must meet all criteria mentioned previously to apply for this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that in the event that I am awarded any of the requested CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship funds I will submit and/or perform the following obligations within ninety (90) days the award.

Submit a Copy of NAFCC Notification of Completion Letter  
Present to the CAFCC Board a three (3) to five (5) minute report on my experience with the NAFCC Accreditation process.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I must match any CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship funds awarded.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check List

- Signed CAFCC Accreditation Scholarship Application Form
- Verification showing applicant has begun the NAFCC Accreditation process
- Essay
- Verification of NAFCC membership
- Verification of local association membership
- Verification of active participation in CAFCC, CAFCCCE, NAFCC, and/or local association