



Annex C

ECDA Training Award (TA)

1. What is the ECDA Training Award?

The ECDA Training Award (TA) aims to support students who are passionate about working with children and wish to pursue a career in the EC sector.

The Awards are open to Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident students undergoing full-time professional early childhood courses at the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) through Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP) and Temasek Polytechnic (TP).

The TA provides students with full sponsorship of their course fees¹, learning resource grants, professional development grant, monthly study allowances and professional networking opportunities that allow them to connect with the larger EC fraternity.

TA recipients are required to fulfil a year's bond to the EC sector for every year of support received, upon course completion.

2. How do the ECDA Training Awards (TA) support the Early Childhood (EC) sector's manpower needs?

The ECDA Training Awards directly address the EC sector's manpower needs by creating a steady pipeline of qualified educators. We provide funding support to students pursuing full-time EC courses at the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC), enabling them to focus on their studies whilst preparing to enter the sector upon graduation.

3. What are the other support available to help EC students transition into their first EC career?

Beyond our Training Award recipients, ECDA also actively engages all EC students through our annual briefings and Teachers' Day celebrations at the Institutes of Higher

¹ Capped at fees payable by Singapore Citizens.



Learning (IHLs). These events not only provide useful insights to EC career progression and opportunities but also ensure that they feel connected to and committed to building their careers in the sector.

4. What is the purpose of the ECDA TA Commendation Award, and what will recipients receive?

Introduced in 2017, the Commendation Award recognises TA recipients who have performed well during their course. Recipients of the Commendation Award are students who are excellent role models for their peers. They have performed consistently well in their courses and displayed outstanding conduct and leadership qualities

All graduating TA recipients taking the full-time Higher NITEC, Diploma or Degree course in ECE can qualify for the Award. Each commendation awardee will receive a certificate and a cash prize of \$1,000 during the ECDA Scholarships and Training Awards Presentation Ceremony.

Awardees are selected based on several factors, including their leadership abilities and potential to contribute to the sector. Students are first nominated by their respective lecturers at the Institutes of Higher Learning before going through an interview with ECDA.