



2012 Educational Incentive Program Changes Overview

<p>Non-Credit Training</p> <p>Award Cap and Hourly Rate</p>	<p>Eligible applicants may access up to \$750 for non-credit courses, workshops, conferences, and training. Eligibility is based on income and child care employment. These funds are available from the date of first hire and do not require 6 months of continuous employment. The hourly rate has been increased from \$28 to \$30 per hour and applies to face-to-face (classroom) and distance learning activities.</p> <p>Note* College credit courses, credential and accreditation training, Individualized Training Programs (ITP), distance learning courses leading to a credential or assessment and pre-approved credential assessment fees continue to require additional documentation verifying employment of 6 months or more in a NYS licensed or registered program.</p>
<p>EIP Awards</p>	<p>The length of time an award is valid has increased from 30 days to 60 days from either the course START date or award ISSUE date, whichever is later. Signed award notifications must be returned to EIP within 60 days. Any Award not returned within 60 days from the course start date or award issue date will be considered EXPIRED and will not be paid. Expired awards will not be reissued.</p>
<p>Award Notifications</p>	<p>Training Organizations will now be able to view and print each Award Notification issued to an individual approved for an EIP scholarship with their training organization. TOs may access and print awards by logging on to their secure Training Organization Site using the User ID and Password provided by EIP. This will enable TO's the option to have the award printed and available for signature when the trainee attends the course and should improve the turnaround time for EIP processing and payment to the TOs.</p> <p>EIP Applicants with ECETP accounts will also be able to print their own award notifications by logging on to their personal account. Applicants who applied by mail will continue to receive their awards by mail. TOs will have access to print any award issued for their TO regardless of the application method (online or mail) by the provider.</p>
<p>Training Organization Site</p>	<p>The Training Organization section on the ECETP Web site will continue to be updated. This section is specifically designed to provide information including access to EIP forms, issued awards and payment information on submitted awards.</p>