

Application for Nature-Based Classroom Materials

Eligibility Requirements for \$6,000 Awards:

1. You must be a resident of Illinois.
2. You must attend all three days of the **Rooted in Play: The Power of Place** conference.
3. You must meet at least one of the criteria below:
 - a. Be a current early childhood educator.
 - b. Be an early childhood education student at a community college or a university.

Applicant Information on a Cover Page

1. Name
2. Phone
3. Email
4. Shipping Address
5. Are you employed or were you previously employed in an early childhood setting? If so, where?
6. Are you a student? If so, where?
7. If you are a student, are you receiving support through the Early Childhood Access for Equity Consortium Scholarship program?
8. If you are not, would you like to know more about the \$31,000 scholarship available to early childhood education students?

Rationale for Award on a Second Page with No Personal Identifiers

1. Describe your understanding of Place-Based Education, Reggio Emilia inspired practices, and/or the Nature School movement. (500 words)
2. State how your teaching philosophy or your teaching practices align with Place-Based Education or the Nature-Based Learning. (500 words)
3. How would a \$6,000 scholarship toward classroom materials support your teaching philosophy and/or practices?
4. Please provide a list of materials, costs, and potential vendor(s). A template is provided below as an example. Potential vendors are Kodo Kids, Kaplan, Nature Explore, Acorn Naturalist, Constructive Playthings, Lakeshore, ABC School Supply, Discount School Supply, Community Playthings, or Amazon.

Vendor Name / Vendor Website				
Item	Quantity	Brief Description	Unit Price	Total

Send applications to Julie Tate (jktate@siu.edu) by Wednesday, May 31st at noon.