

## ***Educational Materials for Income Eligible Students***

### **Project Personnel**

**Total Award Amount    \$69,000**

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### **Project Description**

ARCHES (Achievement, Retention, and Commitment to Higher Education Success) and the Children's Center are requesting Kellogg Legacy Funds to purchase textbooks, supplies and academic support and accommodation materials for disadvantaged program participants. There are no current funding sources available to assist participants with the purchasing of educational materials.

ARCHES is a Student Support Services federally funded TRiO program that provides opportunities for academic development, assists students in meeting basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the completion of their postsecondary education. ARCHES students must be disabled and one third must be low income; however, many participants are also first generation. Forty-five percent of students meet the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services definition of low-income (individual whose family's taxable income did not exceed 150% of the poverty level amount).

The Children's Center is a high quality early education preschool for families with young children, committed to providing an affordable educational experience for student parents. State funding provides free or low cost services for low-income families. Student parents whose income falls below 70% of the state median are eligible for subsidized child care. These same students are often both first generation and from underrepresented populations. They also struggle to balance the demands of their degree and providing for their families.

Although many participants of both programs receive Federal and State financial assistance there is still unmet need. ARCHES and the Children's Center are requesting \$69,000 to offset this unmet need. Together they will work with the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships to identify eligible students and will confirm the grant will not replace other free aid. Those eligible students will receive \$230/quarter to purchase textbooks, supplies and materials