



## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Stipend Based Scholarships



### What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program?

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Program was developed to upgrade the level of education of teachers working with young children while making the educational process affordable, increasing wages and reducing turnover.

### What is the purpose of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Stipend Based Scholarships?

- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Associate Scholars program - This program is designed to provide educational opportunities for current and prospective early care and education practitioners who want to quickly complete coursework to earn an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Preschool Add-On License - This program is designed to provide educational opportunities to individuals who hold a current license in elementary education, Special education, or child development.

### Who is eligible to receive a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Stipend Based Scholarship?

	Enrollment	Degree Program	Employment	Licensure
Associate Degree Scholars	Eligible to or currently enrolled full time	Early Childhood	(If employed) working 20 hours or less per week in a licensed child care facility	N/A
Preschool Add-On	Admitted into approved degree program	Child Development, or Family & Consumer Science	Teaching 30 hours/week in a licensed child care facility	Holds current license in Child Development, Family & Consumer Science, or Special Education

### What do the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Stipend Based Scholarships provide?

Associate Degree Scholars	\$1,250 stipend each semester for up to five semesters
Preschool Add-On (based on credits needed to receive license)	1 – 6 credits \$500 maximum stipend and \$100 bonus
	7 – 12 credits \$1,000 maximum stipend and \$200 bonus
	12 – 18 credits \$1,500 maximum stipend and \$300 bonus
	19 – 25 credits: \$2,000 maximum stipend and \$400 bonus

### What is the recipient’s responsibility for an associate, bachelor’s, or preschool add-on only scholarship?

Associate Scholars	Complete coursework to earn an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education Maintain good academic standing with overall GPA of 2.5 Maintain 20 hours or less of employment (if employed) in a licensed child care setting
Preschool Add-On Licensure	Hold a clear license in elementary education, special education or child development; Are employed at least 30 hours per week in a teaching capacity in a licensed child care facility; Have been admitted to a degree program in child development or family and consumer sciences at an approved university.

### What is the Scholars employment commitment?

Associate Degree Scholars	Work six months in a licensed child care setting serving children (ages 0-5) receiving child care subsidies or NC PreK funds for each stipend award
Preschool Add-On Licensure	Work six months in a licensed NC PreK classroom for each stipend award

### What is the responsibility of the employer (preschool add-on only)?

The employer must demonstrate that it has supported the scholarship recipient by supporting a portion of tuition and book costs or by providing a bonus upon attainment of the Preschool Add On license. The employer’s contribution for tuition and books and the attainment bonus will be based on the recipient’s educational plan. The amount of support for tuition and books will be based on the recipient’s educational plan and will range in amount from \$100 - \$400. The attainment bonus will be based on the number of completed credits in accordance with the educational plan and will range in amount from \$100 - \$400.

**Which NC community colleges or 4 year universities are eligible to participate?**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Associate Degree Scholars - All 58 North Carolina Community Colleges offer the Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Preschool Add-On

Appalachian State University  
East Carolina University  
NC A&T State University

Salem College  
UNC-Chapel Hill

UNC-Pembroke  
UNC-Wilmington

**How much time does a Scholars recipient have to complete the employment commitment?**

Associate Scholars recipients receiving the award for one year will have up to two years to complete the one year employment commitment. Those Scholars who receive the award for two years will have up to four years to complete the required two years of employment.

**When do the commitment periods begin for Preschool Add-On Licensure recipients?**

Recipients receiving stipends on this scholarship will begin their first commitment period at the end of the first semester that they were awarded a stipend for. Subsequent commitment periods will begin upon the completion of the previous period (2 stipends = 1 year commitment).

**What happens if the Scholar cannot complete the service commitment?**

The Scholar is expected to repay the full amount of the award with interest.



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