



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ECE Working Scholars Scholarship Application



1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date _____ Social Security # _____

Name _____ Preferred Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Phone Number Home: () Cell: () Work: ()

Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Gender _____

Driver's License# _____

Ethnicity

Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

- No Yes, Puerto Rican Other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano Yes, Cuban

Do you consider yourself...?

- White Chinese Other Asian:
- Black or African American Korean
- American Indian or Alaska Native Guamanian or Chamorro Other Pacific Islanders:
- Asian Indian Filipino Other race:
- Japanese Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian Samoan

The above information is used for demographic purposes only.

Please check the box indicating what language(s) you speak fluently (please check all that apply)

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Swahili |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Lao | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creole | <input type="checkbox"/> Persian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish | <input type="checkbox"/> Urdu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian | <input type="checkbox"/> Yiddish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

How many people live in your household? _____ Of those, how many are:
Your parents? _____ Siblings? _____ Spouse or significant other? _____ Children? _____ Other? _____

Have either of your parents or any of your brothers or sisters attended college? Yes No
Do either of your parents or any of your brothers or sisters have a college degree? Yes No

How did you hear about the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program?

- Presentation College Instructor Coworker
- Mailing Employer CCSA Website

Name of relative not living with you _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Phone Number Home: () Work: ()

Relationship _____

2. EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please attach a copy of your transcript(s) and an acceptance letter from desired community college or university.

Are you CPR/First Aid Certified? Yes No

Please check the box indicating what credentials and specializations you currently hold

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Infant/Toddler | <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Home Visitor | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Issued Credential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialization: Bi-Lingual
(language: _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Post BA (state teaching license) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Family Child Care Home | | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |

Please check the box that best describes your educational history

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No high school diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor Degree
(Major: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters
(Major: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-year certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree
(Major: _____) | |

Please check the box that best describes your educational goals

- Earn an Early Childhood or School-Age Credential
- Take a few early childhood courses to obtain or upgrade job-related skills
- Earn an Early Childhood, Infant/Toddler or School-Age Certificate
- Earn an Early Childhood Associate Degree
- Earn an Early Childhood Associate Degree and transfer to a four-year college/university to earn a Bachelor's Degree
- Earn a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood
- Earn a Birth-Kindergarten License
- Earn a Preschool Add-On License
- Earn a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Leadership and Management

What is your preferred language for learning _____

Are you currently enrolled in an Early Childhood Associate Degree program or a child development undergraduate program? Yes No

Have you taken any college courses in the past two years? Yes No

Have you taken any ECE credits in the past two years? Yes; how many _____ No

How many credit hours have you completed? _____

How many credits do you have remaining to complete your degree? _____

What is your expected graduation date? (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

When would you like your scholarship to begin? Fall Spring Summer _____ (year)

Which North Carolina Community College do/would you attend?

(Do not abbreviate) _____

Which of the participating universities would/do you attend?

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian State | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardner-Webb University | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC- Greensboro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barton College | <input type="checkbox"/> Greensboro College | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC- Pembroke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catawba College | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina A & T University | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC- Wilmington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Carolina University | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Central University | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Carolina University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth City State University | <input type="checkbox"/> University of Mount Olive | <input type="checkbox"/> Winston Salem State University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fayetteville State University | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC- Charlotte | |

3. ESSAYS

You must answer all three of the following essay questions. The essays must be typewritten and no longer than two pages each.

1. Why do you want to be a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholar?
2. What personal experiences in your life shaped your desire to teach young children?
3. What contributions do you hope to make to young children and/or the field of early childhood education? What leadership role do you see for yourself in early childhood education in the next five to ten years?



Return This Application along with essays, transcripts, and references to:
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood North Carolina P.O. Box 231, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or fax (919) 967-7040
If you have any questions, please call (919) 967-3272 www.childcareservices.org



4. STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I, _____ (applicant’s name), attest that the information provided on this application and the supporting documentation listed on the application checklist is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsifying this information or the failure to comply with requirements may result in the inability to be a participant on this program. If my participation is terminated due to my failure to comply with eligibility requirements, I understand that my employer may be notified along with the program funder. If for any reason the scholarship money is issued incorrectly as a result of false information provided by me, I acknowledge that I will be required to reimburse the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina for the monetary support that was received in error.

Signature of Applicant

Date

5. RECIPIENT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina and the scholarship applicant (applicant name) _____. Please read carefully and then sign this agreement, initialing next to each line item. As a part of your application, this agreement **must** be signed and submitted along with any other required documents before your application can be considered complete.

Congratulations on taking the next step toward a greater education!

You should be very proud of yourself for investing in your own future and increasing your education. This scholarship represents an amazing opportunity – a debt free college education! This benefit to you comes with various responsibilities.

As a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Recipient, I will:

- _____ Attend class, study, work hard and be a responsible student. This is a great opportunity that should be taken seriously.
- _____ Regularly communicate with my scholarship counselor. My counselor is available to help guide me through the process of attending college as well as balancing my college, work and family responsibilities. He/She is just a phone call or email away and can answer many questions.
- _____ Contact my scholarship counselor regarding any changes to my employment or college status, or if I am having difficulty in meeting my course/college requirements or scholarship contract.
- _____ Submit my grades within 30 days of the close of the semester. Keeping my scholarship record up-to-date is critical to ensuring that I can continue my education without unnecessary delays.
- _____ Pay my bills from T.E.A.C.H. and/or my college in a timely manner. It is my responsibility to ensure that I am meeting all of my obligations.

Signature of Applicant

Date

6. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employment Experience - include paid and volunteer experience starting with most recent				
Name of employer/agency	From/To (mm/dd/yyyy)	Position held	Reason for leaving?	Duties (brief description)



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7. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

What is your current job title?

- Teacher
- Assistant Teacher
- Administrator
- Family Based Professional
- Non-Teaching Professional Staff
- Non-Teaching Support Staff

What age groups do you teach? (please check all that apply)

- Infants (0-12 Months)
- Toddler (13-36 Months)
- Preschool (37 Months - PreK)
- School Age

- Is your center a NC Pre-K site? Yes No
- Are you a teacher in a NC Pre-K classroom? Yes No

How long have you worked in the field of early childhood?

- Less than 2 Years
- 2-5 Years
- 6-10 Years
- 10+ Years

How many children are in your classroom or child care facility (if you don't work in 1 classroom)? _____

How many hours per week do you work? _____

How many months per year do you work? _____

Beginning date of employment at current facility? (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

What is your current hourly salary? _____

8. STATEMENT OF INCOME

Please attach a copy of your most recent pay stub here

Employer #1 _____ Hours/week _____ \$ _____ per _____

Employer #2 _____ Hours/week _____ \$ _____ per _____

Have you applied for any other financial aid? Yes No

If yes, what financial aid source(s) have you applied for?

- PELL Grant
- Smart Start Grant
- Scholarships
- Student Loans

Financial Aid #1 _____ Date of application _____

Application status Awarded Denied Pending

Financial Aid #2 _____ Date of application _____

Application status Awarded Denied Pending

YOUR TOTAL INCOME \$ _____

YOUR TOTAL FAMILY INCOME (your spouse included) \$ _____

9. RECIPIENT TESTAMENT AND AGREEMENT

Participation Testament

I hereby declare that I would like to participate in the Working Scholars Program in the following way (choose only one):

- _____ Option 1
Complete 1 semester of coursework with a total of 6 credit hours
- _____ Option 2
Complete multiple semesters of coursework for a maximum of 5 semesters

Participation Agreement

I am aware that if I receive this award, I will be expected to work in a North Carolina licensed childcare setting for six months for each semester of the award. If I am unable to complete this commitment for any semester a stipend was given, I will be required to repay Child Care Services Association for each corresponding stipend.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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10. EMPLOYER TESTAMENT AND AGREEMENT

This agreement must be completed by the center director or owner for teachers.

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Working Scholars Program offered through Child Care Services Association is available to center-based teachers whose employer is unwilling to sponsor them on a comprehensive scholarship. In the event that *(Applicant Name)* _____ is awarded a scholarship, I confirm that *(Center Name)* _____

will **not** sponsor the aforementioned applicant on a comprehensive T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarship. By signing this agreement I also acknowledge my understanding that this individual is not obligated to complete their commitment period at our facility.

Please print name of director or owner _____

Signature of director or owner _____

Program License or Registration Number _____

Center Name _____

Center Address (city, state, zip, county) _____

Email Address _____

Tax ID Number _____

Please check all forms of funding your facility receives

- Head Start
 Early Head Start
 State Head Start

- State PreK
 Title I
 IDEA

- State Subsidies: Contracts
 State Subsidies: Vouchers
 N/A

For Head Start or Multi-Site Programs

Is this child care program owned or managed by another organization? Yes No

If yes, give the parent company name/address: _____

FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Number of children served _____

Center Auspice:

- Profit Nonprofit Head Start
 1 2 3 4 5 GS110
 Yes No

Is your Center accredited: _____

If yes by whom? _____

11. APPLICATION CHECK LIST

For All Applicants

- Verification of Income
 Acceptance Letter from Community College
 Acceptance Letter from University if Bachelor

- Three Completed Essays
 Transcript/transcript evaluation *
 * Bachelor must have at least 55 credit hours



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship Program



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® Working Scholars Scholarship Program?

This program is designed to provide educational opportunities for early care and education teachers working in a NC licensed child care facility and whose employer will not sponsor them on a traditional Associate or Bachelor Degree scholarship.

Who is eligible to receive a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship?

Those applying to this program scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Able to enroll and complete 6 credit hours/ semester @ a NC community college or state university
- Pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development
- Working 30 or more hours per week in a licensed child care facility

What does the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship provide?

- Associate Degree Stipend - \$625 stipend per semester for up to five semesters
- Bachelor’s Degree Stipend - \$1,250 stipend per semester for up to five semesters
- Compensation - \$175 bonus for successful completion of 1 semester with a total of 6 credit hours (one time only) or \$350 bonus for successful completion of 12 credit hours

What is the recipient’s responsibility for a Working Scholars Scholarship?

- Complete coursework to earn an Associate or Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development
- Maintain good academic standing with overall GPA of 2.0 for Associate Degree or 2.5 for Bachelor’s Degree
- Maintain 30 hours or more of employment at current facility for duration of scholarship

What is the Scholars employment commitment?

Working Scholars recipients must work six months in a licensed child care facility for each stipend award

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

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

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Bachelor’s Degree Working Scholars

Appalachian State University	Gardner-Webb University	UNC-Greensboro
Barton College	Greensboro College	UNC-Pembroke
Catawba College	North Carolina A & T University	UNC-Wilmington
East Carolina University	North Carolina Central University	Western Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University	University of Mount Olive	Winston Salem State University
Fayetteville State University	UNC-Charlotte	

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

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

What happens if the Scholar cannot complete the service commitment?

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

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Program (stipend-based)

Early Childhood Working Scholars (Associate) Option 1 Nonrenewable	Early Childhood Working Scholars (Associate) Option 2	Early Childhood Working Scholars (Bachelor) Option 1 Nonrenewable	Early Childhood Working Scholars (Bachelor) Option 2
SCHOLARSHIP			
Up to \$312.50 stipend for less than 6 semester hours enrolled	\$625 stipend per 6 semester hours enrolled	Up to \$625 stipend for less than 6 semester hours enrolled	\$1250 stipend per 6 semester hours enrolled
EDUCATION			
Less than 6 semester hours/one semester @NC community college (1 time stipend)	6 semester hours/per semester @NC community college (stipends are available up to 5 semesters)	Less than 6 semester hours/one semester @participating university (1 time stipend)	6 semester hours/per semester @participating university (stipends are available up to 5 semesters)
COMPENSATION			
\$175 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 1 semester with a total of 6 credit hours (one time bonus)	\$350 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 12 semester hours	\$175 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 1 semester with a total of 6 credit hours (one time bonus)	\$350 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 12 semester hours
COMMITMENT			
Recipient will agree to work 6 months in the early childhood field for each stipend received			