



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Quick Start/Final Step Associate Degree Scholarship



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina has expanded its current scholarship opportunities to include the Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship! The Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship is ideal for anyone who wants to begin by taking only a couple of courses or needs just a few credits in order to obtain an early childhood certificate, diploma or degree.

What is the Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship?

The Quick Start Scholarship is a new T.E.A.C.H. scholarship option that allows recipients to take just 6 credit hours of associate degree level coursework at any of North Carolina’s community colleges.

What does the Quick Start/Final Step scholarship provide?

In addition to counseling support, the Quick Start/Final Step scholarship provides financial support for costs associated with tuition and fees, books, travel, release time and a bonus. Refer to matrix.

Who is eligible to apply for the Quick Start/Final Step scholarship?

Teachers, assistant teachers, directors and family providers are eligible to apply for this scholarship if they

- Are working at least 30 hours per week in a NC licensed child care facility;
- Earn less than \$18 per hour; and
- Have completed appropriate coursework since July 1, 2009, are currently enrolled in credit bearing coursework at the associate degree level, or intend to enroll in community college courses in early childhood education.

What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?

A scholarship recipient must attend classes regularly, successfully complete 6 credit hours and submit grades to T.E.A.C.H. The Quick Start/Final Step scholarship is only available to a recipient one time during the individual’s pursuit of an associate degree.

What kind of employment commitment is the scholarship recipient required to make?

A scholarship recipient must be willing to remain with the employer for 9 months in exchange for receiving a monetary bonus.

What are the benefits of a Quick Start/Final Scholarship to a sponsoring program?

Sponsoring programs have reduced tuition expenses, release time reimbursements and a more manageable compensation plan.

Which community colleges accept the Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina scholarships are accepted at each of North Carolina’s 58 community colleges statewide.

| | Scholarship | Education | Compensation | Commitment |
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| Recipient | 5% Tuition 5% Books | Recipient completes 6 credit hours of coursework leading to an Associate Degree at a N.C. Community College | | Recipient will agree to work 9 months in sponsoring center at completion of 6 credit hours and award of bonus |
| Employer | 5% Tuition Provides 3 hours paid release time/week per semester | | Issue \$50 bonus upon completion of contract | |
| T.E.A.C.H. | 90% tuition 95% books Travel stipend Reimburse 50% of release time at \$10.00/hour | | Issue \$425 bonus upon completion of contract | |