



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Birth-Kindergarten Certification 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) Scholarship 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.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any child care center teacher who would like to attend a participating university to earn a B-K Certification and who meets the following criteria is eligible for a scholarship. Applicants must:

- be employed at least 30 hours per week in an early childhood classroom;
- have a bachelor's degree with enough transferable credit to only have 15 classes (max 45 credit hours) needed to earn B-K certification;
- be eligible for university admission as an in-state student, and;
- have worked in child care in North Carolina for at least one year.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field.

Which universities participate?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appalachian State University • Barton College • Brevard College • Catawba College • East Carolina University • Elizabeth City State University • Fayetteville State University • Gardner-Webb University • Greensboro College • North Carolina A & T University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Carolina Central University • Shaw University • University of Mount Olive • UNC-Chapel Hill • UNC-Charlotte • UNC- Greensboro • UNC-Pembroke • UNC- Wilmington • Western Carolina University • Winston Salem State University |
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*T.E.A.C.H. will entertain any other B-K Licensure Programs after a review of their requirements.

What support and commitments can be expected with a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?

	Scholarship	Education	Compensation	Commitment
Recipient	5% tuition 5% books	9-15 semester hours/year @ a state university in Birth-Kindergarten Education	Receive \$725 bonus	Additional 6 months in sponsoring center plus additional 6 months in child care in NC or additional year in sponsoring center
Employer	5% tuition 5% books Up to 3 hours paid release time per week		Pay \$150 bonus	
T.E.A.C.H.	90% tuition 90% books Travel stipend		Reimburse employer 75% of release time Pay \$575 bonus	

When should I apply for a scholarship?

Applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the semester you wish to enroll. Part of the scholarship application process includes admission to the university and a review of your transcript.

Can any type of center sponsor a teacher?

Scholarship teachers have been sponsored by private for-profit, church, private not-for-profit, public and Head Start programs. Any center wishing to make a commitment to teacher education and compensation by meeting the terms of the program can participate.