



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



What is the Quick Start/Final Step Bachelor Degree Scholarship?

The Quick Start/Final Step Bachelor Degree Scholarship is ideal for anyone who wants to take only a couple of courses or needs just a few credits in order to obtain a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or child development. This is a new T.E.A.C.H. scholarship option that allows recipients to take just 6 credit hours at a participating college/university.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any child care center teacher or director who would like to attend a participating university to earn a degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development and who meets the following criteria is eligible for a scholarship.

Applicants must:

- Be employed at least 30 hours per week in a licensed center or large family child care home;
- Have at least 55 hours of transferable credit toward a degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development;
- Be eligible for university admission as an in-state student, and;
- Have worked in child care in North Carolina for at least one year.

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 a bachelor 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 universities participate?

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

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

	Scholarship	Education	Compensation	Commitment
Recipient	5% Tuition 5% Books	Recipient completes 6 credit hours of coursework leading to an Bachelor Degree at a participating 4 year college/university		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	