T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate Scholarship Program Application For Field-Based Early Education Specialists

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, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
- ☐ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ Other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish

Do you consider yourself….?

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

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)

- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Armenian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Creole
- ☐ English
- ☐ French
- ☐ Greek
- ☐ Hindi
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Lao
- ☐ Persian
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Swahili
- ☐ Tagalog
- ☐ Thai
- ☐ Tribal: _____
- ☐ Urdu
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Yiddish
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Mailing
- ☐ College Instructor
- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Coworker
- ☐ CCSA Website

*** A copy of the applicant's Form W-9 and Social Security Card are required for tax and identification validation purposes.**

Name of relative not living with you _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Phone Number Home: ( ) _____ Work: ( ) _____

Relationship _____

2. EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please include an admission letter from UNC-Greensboro and a transcript verifying BA degree/ECE coursework

Are you CPR/First Aid Certified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ CDA: Infant/Toddler
☐ CDA: Preschool
☐ CDA: Family Child Care Home
☐ CDA: Home Visitor
☐ Specialization: Bi-Lingual (language: _____)
☐ North Carolina Issued Credential
☐ Post BA (state teaching license)
☐ Not applicable

Please check the box that best describes your educational history

☐ Bachelors degree in ECE
☐ Non-ECE Bachelor degree with 12 credits of ECE coursework
(Major: _____)
☐ Bachelor degree in Human Development and Family Studies
☐ Some coursework towards a Master's degree in Child Development
☐ Masters (Major: _____)

Please check the box that best describes your educational goals

☐ Earn a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Leadership and Management
☐ Earn a Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

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

Are you currently enrolled in an Early Childhood Degree program at UNC Greensboro? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, which degree are you working on? _____

What is your preferred language for learning? _____
When would you like your scholarship to begin? ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer _____(year)

3. EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Please attach a formal job description <u>and</u> a copy of your Technical Assistance Practitioner Endorsement or Professional Development Endorsement from the NC Institute for Child Development Professionals.

What is your current job title? _____

What age groups do you work with? *(please check all that apply)*

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

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 hours per week do you work? _____

How many months per year do you work? _____

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

What is your current hourly salary? _____

4. STATEMENT OF INCOME

Please attach a copy of your most recent pay stub here or W2 for previous tax year

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) $_____

5. 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

6. AGENCY AGREEMENT

Please include a copy of the facility's Form W-9 and IRS letter including the Tax ID Number.

This agreement must be completed by the applicants' supervisor, executive director or president.

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate Program is offered through Child Care Services Association. It requires the participation of each scholarship recipient's employing agency. In the event that (Applicant Name) _____ is awarded a scholarship, I understand that (Agency Name) _____ agrees to participate in the following ways.

- Grant the recipient a flexible work schedule for which he/she can complete the requisite coursework

Please print name of supervisor, director, or president _____

Signature of supervisor, director, or president _____

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Agency Name _____

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

Email Address _____

7. 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.

_____ Preauthorization forms must be submitted in time for scholarship counselors to forward to UNC Greensboro.

_____ 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

8. ESSAYS

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

1. Why do you want to receive a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate scholarship?
2. What personal experiences in your life shaped your desire to work on behalf of infants and toddlers and/or on behalf of early care and education professionals caring for infants and toddlers?
3. What contributions do you hope to make to infants and toddlers within 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?

9. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For All Applicants

- ☐ Verification of Income
- ☐ Acceptance Letter from University
- ☐ Transcript/Transcript Evaluation
- ☐ Formal Job Description
- ☐ Form W-9
- ☐ Three Essays Completed
- ☐ Three Professional References
- ☐ Proof of Identity – Social Security Card
- ☐ Participation Agreement Signed
- ☐ Copy of Endorsement Certificate

For All Employers

- ☐ IRS Letter with Tax Identification Number
- ☐ Form W-9

T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD®LEADERSHIP IN INFANT AND TODDLER LEARING CERTIFICATE REFERENCE FORM

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a reference for this T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate Scholarship Applicant.

Below is a list of statements that we would like you to use to evaluate the applicant. Please circle the word that best describes how true the statement is for the applicant. Also feel free to tell us anything else you believe might be useful in our decision-making process.

Name of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate Scholarship Applicant:

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Name, title and address of person completing this reference

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Please check the appropriate box indicating your relationship to the applicant

- ☐ Teacher/Professor
- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Co-worker
- ☐ Other (specify)

1. This applicant has an interest in working on behalf of young children or within early care and education.	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know
2. This applicant is a successful student.	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know
3. This applicant respects and values others of different races, cultures, religions and economic backgrounds.	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know
4. This applicant is active in his or her community (i.e. extracurricular school activities, volunteering, etc.).	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know
5. This applicant has demonstrated an interest in and commitment to early care and education.	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know
6. This applicant shows leadership potential.	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Don't Know

7. Please tell us what makes this applicant an ideal T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate recipient.

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8. How long and in what context have you known the applicant?

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9. Feel free to make additional comments in the space below.

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T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® LEADERSHIP IN INFANT AND TODDLER LEARING CERTIFICATE INFORMATION SHEET

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.

What is the Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Certificate Scholarship Program?
The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning (LITL) Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial support and incentives to eligible early childhood educators who are pursuing specialized educational and leadership opportunities offered through the Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Two options exist for participation that are based on the applicant's role and type of employment setting.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?
To be eligible for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Leadership in Infant and Toddler Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program Scholarship, all applicants **MUST** meet the following criteria:

- Be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week in a licensed facility as an early childhood educator caring for infants or toddlers **OR** as a director of a licensed facility caring for infants and toddler **OR** be performing a specialized technical assistance or professional development function for early childhood educators working directly with infants and toddlers within an early childhood-focused organization that provides direct technical assistance and support to early educators.
- Have already earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood or a related field
- Be already admitted to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning (LITL) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program.
- Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to infants or toddlers and possess emerging leadership skills.
- Have annual earnings that do not exceed $58,000.
- Receive approval or sponsorship from the employing program or organization.
- Have your Technical Assistance Practitioner Endorsement or your Professional Development Endorsement through the NC Institute for Child Development Professionals, if applying for the Systems Specialist Scholarship described above. A copy of your Endorsement Certificate must be included with your application.
- Submit the Intent to Apply Form to Child Care Services Association for the T.E.A.C.H. Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Scholarship Program if seeking scholarship support.

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

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<tr><th>Model</th><th>Scholarship</th><th>Education</th><th colspan="2">Compensation</th><th>Commitment</th></tr>
<tr><td>For Teachers</td><td>90% tuition
90% books
Travel stipend
3 hrs release time/week</td><td rowspan="3">Recipient completes 9-19 credit hours toward the Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning Post-Baccalaureate Certificate @ UNC Greensboro</td><td>9-12 credit hours</td><td>13-19 credit hours</td><td rowspan="3">Recipient agrees to work one year in the early childhood field, which includes at least 6 months with sponsoring employer, upon completion of 9-19 credit hours and bonus award</td></tr>
<tr><td>For Directors</td><td>90% tuition
90% books
Travel stipend</td><td rowspan="2">$250 bonus</td><td rowspan="2">$500 bonus</td></tr>
<tr><td>For Specialists</td><td>$1000 stipend/course</td></tr>
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How do interested parties apply to UNC Greensboro's LITL Certificate Program?
GO TO: https://gradapply.uncg.edu/apply/

SELECT: Program/Department: Human Development and Family Studies Online
Concentration/Major: Leadership in Early Care & Ed (PB Cert)
Degree/Certificate/Licensure: Post Baccalaureate Certificate

SUBMIT: ALL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

How is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina Scholarship Program funded?
Funding comes from the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and the state legislature.