



**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina
Early Childhood Certificate Scholarship Program
(with Employer Sponsorship)**



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 Early Childhood (Infant Toddler and Preschool) Certificate Scholarship Program?

This scholarship program offers scholarship funds to take courses at any of North Carolina’s Community Colleges that offer an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education program. It is a partnership between the child care provider, sponsoring center, and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina that enables providers to improve their skills, receive a financial reward and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities. Scholarships are available for family home providers, child care center teachers, and child care center directors. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field, as shown through information on the application.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

- Any teacher, director, or home provider who would like to enroll in coursework toward an Early Childhood Certificate at a community college and who is employed full-time (30 hours/week minimum) in a licensed child care facility is eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- Individuals who have already completed EDU 119

What child care facilities can be a sponsoring center for a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?

Licensed profit, church, not-for-profit, public, Head Start, GS-110 program, or family child care home wishing to make a commitment to teacher and/or director education and compensation by meeting the terms of the scholarship contract can participate.

What commitment must the sponsoring center make (excludes family home providers and center owners)?

Model	Scholarship	Release Time	Compensation
For Teachers Option 1	5% tuition 5% books	3 hours per week	\$200 bonus
For Teachers Option 2	5% tuition 5% books	3 hours per week	\$350 bonus
For Directors Option 1	5% tuition 5% books	N/A	\$250 bonus

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

Model	Scholarship	Education	Compensation	Commitment
For Teachers Option 1	90% tuition 90% books Travel stipend 3 hrs release time/week	Up to 18 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	\$675 Bonus For completion of 9-12 semester hours	Additional year in sponsoring center
For Teachers Option 2	90% tuition 90% books Travel stipend 3 hrs release time/week	Up to 18 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	\$825 Bonus For completion of 13-18 semester hours	Additional year in sponsoring center
For Family Child Care Providers	95% tuition 95% books Travel stipend 3 hrs release time/week	Up to 18 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	\$475 Bonus For completion of 9-18 semester hours	Additional year as family child care provider
For Center Directors	90 - 95% tuition 90 - 95% books Travel stipend	Up to 18 semester hours @ Community College in Early Childhood Education	\$475-725 Bonus For completion of 12-18 semester hours	Additional year in sponsoring center

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.