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 T.E.A.C.H. scholarship option that allows recipients to take 4-7 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 (for full-time teachers) 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 or are working less than 30 hours per week in a licensed part day preschool or school age program; and
- 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 4-7 credit hours and submit grades to T.E.A.C.H. The Quick Start/Final Start scholarship is only available to a recipient one time during the individual’s pursuit of an associate degree or associate degree coursework.

**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. Scholarship recipients working in part day programs agree to remain in the early care and education field for one year upon receiving the bonus.

**What are the benefits of a Quick Start/Final Scholarship to a sponsoring program?**
Sponsoring programs have reduced tuition expenses, release time reimbursements (if applicable) 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 any of North Carolina’s Community Colleges that offer an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education program.

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<td><strong>Recipient</strong></td>
<td>5% Tuition 5% Books</td>
<td>Recipient completes 4-7 credit hours of coursework leading to an Associate Degree at a N.C. Community College</td>
<td>Recipient will agree to work 9 months in sponsoring center at completion of 6 credit hours and award of bonus. For recipients working in part day programs, upon completion of 4-7 credit hours agree to work for 1 year in the field upon award of bonus.</td>
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<td><strong>Employer</strong></td>
<td>5% Tuition 5% books (part day programs only) Provides 3 hours paid release time/week per semester (if applicable)</td>
<td>Issue $50 bonus upon completion of contract</td>
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<td><strong>T.E.A.C.H.</strong></td>
<td>90% tuition 90-95% books Travel stipend Reimburse 60-100% of release time at $10.00/hour (if applicable)</td>
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