A MESSAGE FROM THE T.E.A.C.H. NC TEAM

Autumn is here and we hope that you have a chance to enjoy the leaves turning yellow, orange red and gold, the crispness that is in the air and all of the fun Fall activities with family and friends!

"Autumn...the year’s last loveliest smile.”
-William Cullen Bryant
ANNOUNCEMENTS

T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® NC ASSOCIATE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD APPRENTICES

The Associate Degree Scholarship in Early Childhood Apprentices is specifically designed for early childhood apprentices working in licensed programs enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program in North Carolina. Registered early childhood apprenticeship programs are a strategy to help strengthen the pipeline into the early care and education workforce. This scholarship program is available to early childhood apprentices to take courses at any of North Carolina’s community colleges that offer an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. It is a partnership between the apprentice, employing center and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina. Information and application for this scholarship model as well as other scholarship models can be accessed through this link T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Apply

TEACH CLAIM SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Attention: T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina would like to remind recipients and sponsors of deadlines for submission of reimbursement claims. According to the contract agreement, all claims should be submitted within 30 days of the close of each semester. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of money for the claims. Below are the semester deadlines for claim submission:

- Fall-January 31
- Spring-May 30
- Summer-August 31

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Claims can be emailed to teachnc@childcareservices.org
Fax 919 967-7040
**BUSTING THE MYTHS**

**Myth:** You cannot participate on T.E.A.C.H. if you do not enroll/complete the minimum number of credits required for the scholarship model.

**Fact:** Each applicant comes to the scholarship program at different points of their educational journey, so they might need less credit hours to complete their degree and/or license/certificate than the minimum needed for the compensation component of the scholarship model. If this occurs, the applicant is still eligible to apply and receive the scholarship if they meet the other eligibility requirements of the scholarship model. If a recipient does not complete the minimum education requirement for their scholarship, they will still be able to receive all the components of the scholarship model, except for the compensation component. T.E.A.C.H. has two Quick Start/Final Step scholarship models: one at the associate degree level and one at the bachelor degree level. Both of these models only require completion of at least six credit hours to be eligible for compensation.

**Myth:** The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program pays for internet service and/or computers for participants taking online courses.

**Fact:** The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program funding does not cover internet service or the purchase of a computer for participants taking online courses or seated courses. However, recipients participating on comprehensive scholarships receive a course access stipend each semester enrolled that can be used to offset those internet costs.

**Myth:** The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program requires the sponsorship of the employer to participate on scholarship.

**FACT:** While the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program promotes the comprehensive models that require sponsorship of the employer, there are some scholarship models that do not require employer sponsorship. T.E.A.C.H. recognized that there were barriers that prevented individuals for accessing scholarship because their employers were unwilling or unable to sponsor comprehensive models and designed a capped scholarship model called Working Scholars.

This model provides a capped scholarship amount per semester the participant is enrolled. In these models, the employer is not required to contribute towards tuition and books, provide release time or compensation. Thus, the participant’s commitment is to the field of early care and education and not necessarily the current employer. These scholarship models are limited in support but provide some assistance to individuals whose employers will not sponsor a comprehensive model or individuals who are reluctant to make a commitment to their current employer.
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program staff would like to send a huge heartfelt thank you to Marsha Basloe, CCSA President, for all that she has done for Child Care Services Association and the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC Scholarship Program. We wish her a very happy retirement and are grateful for her leadership, commitment and passion for the agency, scholarship program and the early care and education community.

THANK YOU TO MARSHA BASLOE

We also want to send a warm welcome to Dr. Kristi Snuggs who will be leaving her current position as the Deputy Director of the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) to begin her tenure at CCSA on November 1, 2022, as our new CCSA President!

WELCOME TO KRISTI SNUDDS
RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

T.E.A.C.H. has helped me pay for college and get my associate degree this coming December. If it wasn’t for T.E.A.C.H. I don’t think I would even went back to school because I wouldn’t have been able to pay for it. I have had to stop and start and also repeat some of the classes and T.E.A.C.H. has been there to help out financially with it all. Going back to school I feel has shown my own daughter that even though I started this journey to get a degree over 20 years ago it doesn’t matter how long it takes to finish as long as you finish.

Melissa Schmittle, Family Child Care Professional
Mecklenburg County
SEMESTER REMINDERS

T.E.A.C.H. NC wants to help ensure your academic success by including an abbreviated recipient checklist in this section of semester reminders. “Semester reminders” are our way of calling your attention to some of the more important aspects of the scholarship process. These checklist items, if ignored, can pause, or delay your scholarship process. If you need further explanation about any of these items, please feel free to contact your scholarship counselor.

RECIPIENT CHECKLIST

- Send in your signed contract to activate your scholarship. This document MUST be received before any scholarship activity can occur.
- Send your Request for Permission to Release Information. You must check one of the boxes, granting or denying us permission to release personal information. Remember to sign and date this document.
- You MUST send your Form B with itemized receipts for tuition and book if applicable every semester. You should be able to access itemized tuition statements from Self Service, Web-Advisor or University portals. Itemized book receipts should be obtained from the bookstore or your online purchaser.
- Send your unofficial transcript at the end of each semester. Please make sure your identifying information and the school’s identifying information are on the document. Please DO NOT write or highlight on the document itself.
- When submitting an ACH Form for direct deposit payments please complete the ACH Form fully and submit it with a voided check or bank letter/form verifying the accounts numbers.
- Remember to use teachnc@childcareservices.org email address when emailing documents so that our T.E.A.C.H. Admin team can log the documents received and forward them to the primary scholarship counselor for review. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to your primary scholarship counselor.
KUDOS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This section is dedicated to our Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 graduates and additional Fall 2021 graduates. We are so proud of you!

ASSOCIATE DEGREE
- Earlicia Cobb
- Melanie Evans
- Kristin Faggart
- Jeanne Fox
- Felicia Furlow
- Angela Haithcock
- Alycia Joseph
- Tanika Little
- Quantana Montgomery
- Cristin Nieto-Lopez
- Paula Robertson
- Sheila Sealey
- Christy Sharp
- Germaine Sinclair
- Brandi Vargas
- Michalene Vranich

BACHELOR’S DEGREE
- Angelia Annas
- Heather Barber
- Crystal Barber
- Amber Damon
- Ella Derr
- Janina Holt
- Naeemah Huntley
- Robin Martin
- Tonya Mesimer
- Jalisa Moore
- Jamie Nanney
- Amanda O’Donnell
- Nicole Scism
- Yeanelle Smith
- Mashunda Vaughters
- Rashita Vicks

MASTER’S DEGREE
- La’Gentry Ross
- Mary Scott
- Holly Warner

BIRTH-KINDERGARTEN LICENSURE
- Shauna Acampora
- Kimberly Brown
- Elizabeth Faison
- Shontya Lawrence
- Heather Layton
- Levone McRae
- Rachael Turkington
- Patricia Ward

Please Note: This list includes those recipients that have sent in the documentation of their degree/licensure completion prior to the release of this newsletter and captures those not previously recognized.
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- **Edith Locke**, Division Vice President
- **Amy Duffy**, Program Manager
- **Kimberly Bynum**, Scholarship Manager and Primary Counselor for recipients on our Master’s Degree and LITL.
- **Schquita Battle**, Administrative Department Manager
- **Kathy Thornton**, Quality Control Systems Coordinator and Primary Counselor for recipients attending: Appalachian State University, Central Piedmont Community College, Haywood Community College, and North Carolina Central University.
- **Pam McGowan**, Scholarship Counselor III and Primary Counselor for recipients attending: Catawba College, East Carolina University, Greensboro College, NC A&T State University, UNC-Charlotte, UNC- Greensboro, University of Mount Olive and Western Carolina University.
- **Felica Olds**, Scholarship Counselor II and Primary Counselor for recipients attending: A-B Technical Community College, Blue Ridge Community College, Caldwell Technical Community College, Catawba Valley Community College, Cleveland Community College, Davidson-Davie County Community College, Gaston Community College, Isothermal Community College, McDowell Technical Community College, Mitchell Community College, Montgomery Community College, Randolph Community College, Richmond Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, South Piedmont Community College, Southwestern Community College, Surry Community College, Tri- County Community College, Western Piedmont Community College and Wilkes Community College

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• **Tiawanna Thorpe**, Scholarship Counselor II and Primary Counselor for recipients attending: Beaufort County Community College, Bladen Community College, Brunswick Community College, Cape Fear Community College, Carteret, Coastal Carolina Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Guilford Technical Community College, Sandhills Community College, Stanly Community College, Wilson Technical Community College and those on our Child Development Associate (CDA) scholarship models.

• **Karah Trinkle**, Field Based Outreach Coordinator and Primary Counselor for recipients attending: Alamance Community College, Barton College, Brevard College, Carteret Community College, Central Carolina Community College, College of the Albemarle, Craven Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Edgecombe Community College, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville State University, Gardner-Webb University, Halifax Community College, James Sprunt Community College, Johnston Community College, Lenoir Community College, Martin Community College, Nash Community College, Pamlico Community College, Piedmont Community College, Pitt Community College, Robeson Community College, Rockingham Community College, Sampson Community College, Southeastern Community College, Shaw University, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Pembroke, UNC Wilmington, Vance-Granville Community College and Wake Technical Community College, Wayne Community College and Winston-Salem State University.

• **Shanta Hicks**, New counselor in training

• **Christie Warren**, Administrative Assistant II