



# T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship Program



## 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) 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 purpose of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship Program?

This program is designed to provide educational opportunities for early care and education teachers working in a NC licensed child care facility and whose employer will not sponsor them on a traditional Associate or Bachelor Degree scholarship.

## Who is eligible to receive a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship?

Those applying to this program scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Able to enroll and complete 6 credit hours/ semester @ a NC community college or state university
- Pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development
- Working 30 or more hours per week in a licensed child care facility

## What does the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship provide?

- Associate Degree Stipend - \$625 stipend per semester for up to five semesters
- Bachelor’s Degree Stipend - \$1,250 stipend per semester for up to five semesters
- Compensation - \$175 bonus for successful completion of 1 semester with a total of 6 credit hours (one time only) or \$350 bonus for successful completion of 12 credit hours

## What is the recipient’s responsibility for a Working Scholars Scholarship?

- Complete coursework to earn an Associate or Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development
- Maintain good academic standing with overall GPA of 2.0 for Associate Degree or 2.5 for Bachelor’s Degree
- Maintain 30 hours or more of employment at current facility for duration of scholarship

## What is the Scholars employment commitment?

Working Scholars recipients must work six months in a licensed child care facility for each stipend award

## Which NC community colleges or 4 year universities are eligible to participate?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Associate Degree Working Scholars - All 58 North Carolina Community Colleges offer the Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Bachelor’s Degree Working Scholars

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	UNC- Chapel Hill	

## How much time does a Scholars recipient have to complete the employment commitment?

Working Scholars recipients receiving the award for one year will have up to two years to complete the one year employment commitment. Those who receive the award for two years will have up to four years to complete the required two years of employment.

## What happens if the Scholar cannot complete the service commitment?

The Scholar is expected to repay the full amount of the award with interest.

## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Working Scholars Program (stipend-based)

Early Childhood Working Scholars (Associate) Option 1 Nonrenewable	Early Childhood Working Scholars (Associate) Option 2	Early Childhood Working Scholars (Bachelor) Option 1 Nonrenewable	Early Childhood Working Scholars (Bachelor) Option 2
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>			
Up to \$312.50 stipend for less than 6 semester hours enrolled	\$625 stipend per 6 semester hours enrolled	Up to \$625 stipend for less than 6 semester hours enrolled	\$1250 stipend per 6 semester hours enrolled
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Less than 6 semester hours/one semester @NC community college (1 time stipend)	6 semester hours/per semester @NC community college (stipends are available up to 5 semesters)	Less than 6 semester hours/one semester @participating university (1 time stipend)	6 semester hours/per semester @participating university (stipends are available up to 5 semesters)
<b>COMPENSATION</b>			
\$175 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 1 semester with a total of 6 credit hours (one time bonus)	\$350 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 12 semester hours	\$175 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 1 semester with a total of 6 credit hours (one time bonus)	\$350 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. for successful completion of 12 semester hours
<b>COMMITMENT</b>			
Recipient will agree to work 6 months in the early childhood field for each stipend received			