

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Arkansas Scholarship Overview

Child Care Centers – Public Colleges & Universities

Effective for new scholarships beginning Fall 2024

Master’s Degree Programs¹ in Early Childhood Education

Am I eligible?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work as a director, teacher or assistant at least 30 hours/week in a licensed child care center. ▪ Employed at least 90 days at center. ▪ Be admitted to an approved graduate school/master’s program in early childhood at a participating college or university. ▪ Obtain agreement from child care center to sponsor scholarship.
What centers can participate?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be a licensed child care center in good standing with Arkansas Child Care Licensing. ▪ Able to financially contribute a percentage of tuition and books. ▪ Agree to provide scholars with release time (3-6 hours weekly) reimbursed by T.E.A.C.H. ▪ Pay annual stipend/provide pay increase upon scholar’s completion of contract and commitment. ▪ Better Beginnings accreditation is encouraged.

What does the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship cover?²

	T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship	Scholar	Employer-Sponsor
Tuition and Fees-Public	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	10%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester		-
Release Time	Reimburse employer for release time at \$15.00 per hour up to 6 hours per week	Scholar must complete at least 9 credit hours per year with minimum grades required for degree credit.	Agree to release time of 3-6 hours per week
Incentive	Pay scholar \$700 upon completion of contract and commitment		Pay scholar \$300 upon completion of contract & commitment or provide 2% pay increase ³
Technology	Reimburse scholar up to \$500 for purchase of new laptop ⁴		

¹Scholarships are subject to funding availability. Undergraduate programs may be prioritized over graduate degrees.

²Other costs partially reimbursed include Praxis testing (if program leads to licensure).

³Pay increase must be in addition to any annual cost of living increases given to all employees.

⁴One time stipend available for certain certificate and degree models.

To get a list of participating colleges, degree programs or an application, call us at 501-680-1930 or send an email to teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org.



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