

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

Non-Degree Coursework in Early Childhood Education

Effective for new scholarships beginning Fall 2024

This scholarship is for those teachers currently working in a program with a degree or credential but need additional semester hours in early childhood to meet program requirements. The model allows up to 12 hours of early childhood coursework but does NOT lead to a degree or credential.

Am I eligible?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work as a teacher or assistant at least 30 hours/week in a licensed child care program. Must demonstrate employment of at least 90 days. Be admitted to an approved college or university as a non-degree seeking student. Able to financially contribute a percentage of tuition and books.
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?¹

	T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship	Scholar-Recipient	Employer-Sponsor
Tuition and Fees²	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	10%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester	Scholar must complete at least 9 credit hours of early childhood coursework per year with "C" or above. ³	-
Release Time	Reimburse employer for release time at \$15.00 per hour up to 6 hours per week		Agree to release time of 3-6 hours per week
Incentive	Pay scholar \$500 upon completion of contract and commitment		Pay scholar \$300 upon completion of contract & commitment

¹Scholarship approval is not guaranteed and is subject to availability of funding. Degree or credential models may receive funding priority over a non-degree model.

²Applies to state college or university tuition rates. *Private tuition is not covered under a non-degree model.*

³Graduate-level coursework may require a grade of "B" or above.

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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