

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

## Child Care Centers – Public Colleges & Universities

Effective for new scholarships beginning Fall 2024

Participating Undergraduate Programs in Early Childhood:

*Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree*

Am I eligible? <sup>1</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work as a director, teacher or assistant at least 30 hours/week in a licensed child care center.</li> <li>▪ Employed at least 90 days at center.</li> <li>▪ Be admitted to an approved program in early childhood at a participating college or university.</li> <li>▪ Obtain agreement from child care center to sponsor scholarship.</li> </ul>
What centers can participate?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be a licensed child care center in good standing with Arkansas Child Care Licensing.</li> <li>▪ Able to financially contribute a percentage of tuition and books.</li> <li>▪ Agree to provide scholars with release time (3-6 hours weekly) reimbursed by T.E.A.C.H.</li> <li>▪ Pay annual stipend/provide pay increase upon scholar's completion of contract and commitment.</li> <li>▪ Better Beginnings accreditation is encouraged.</li> </ul>

### What does the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship cover?<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup>Scholarships are subject to funding availability. Certain certificate or degree programs may be prioritized.

<sup>2</sup>Other costs partially reimbursed include CDA assessment and Praxis testing (if program leads to CDA or licensure).

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

<sup>4</sup>One time stipend available for certain certificate and degree models.

To get a list of colleges or an application, call 501-680-1930  
or send an email to [teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org](mailto:teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org).



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