



# **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS**

## **Scholarship Application**

### **Child Care Center (Revised 11/2024)**

1. This is *not* an application for admission to college. You contact the school you select and make a separate application for admission.
2. There are two sections of forms in this packet—forms for the teacher-applicant and forms for the employer.  
Applicant must complete pages 2-7 then give to the center director/administrator to complete pages 8-9.
3. With this application, applicant must also submit a current paystub dated within the past 30 days. Additional documentation will be required after application is processed.
4. An application with missing information will be returned for completion.
5. Sign and date every place where indicated.
6. Applicant and employer must complete and submit an IRS W-9 form. The W-9 can be downloaded at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.
7. When all information is completed, mail all forms and documentation to:  
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood ARKANSAS  
c/o AECA  
P.O. Box 4291  
Fayetteville, AR 72702
8. For faster processing, you may scan all forms and documentation then email to [teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org](mailto:teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org).

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS**  
**Scholarship Application For Child Care Center**  
**Teachers & Directors**

(Rev. 11/13/24)


**ARKANSAS**

A Program of Arkansas Early Childhood Association

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently enrolled?**     Yes     No  
**Scholarship Start Date Requested:**     Fall 2024     Spring 2025    PDR Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Information About You**

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>City, St, Zip</b>			
<b>County</b>			
<b>Phone</b>	Home:	Mobile (if different):	
<b>SSN</b>			
<b>Email</b>			
<b>Birth Date</b>	(mm/dd/yyyy)	<b>Sex</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer

**Ethnicity**

**Are you Hispanic?**     Yes     No     Prefer not to answer  
 White     American Indian/Alaska Native  
 Black/African American     Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
 Asian     Other, two or more race     Other     Prefer not to answer

**Information about Your Current Position**

<b>What is your current job title?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Director/Assistant Director <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Teacher
<b>How long have you worked in the field of early childhood?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 years
<b>What age groups do you teach? (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infants (0-12 mo.) <input type="checkbox"/> School-Age (6 yrs and up) <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler (13-36 mo.) <input type="checkbox"/> I do not work directly with children. <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K (37 mo-5 yrs)

Beginning date of employment: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must have been employed at least 90 days.)  
 # of children in Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Wage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Months Per Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paid:     hourly     weekly     every 2 weeks     twice monthly     monthly

**Information about Your Chosen Education and Career Goals**

**Describe your current level of education:**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma     | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree: | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED                     | Major: _____                                 | Major: _____                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/Credential: | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate:       |
| Area: _____                                      | Major: _____                                 | Field of Study: _____                     |

**Please check the option that best describes your educational goals:**

- Take a few early childhood courses to obtain or upgrade job-related skills
- Earn an Early Childhood Certificate and/or complete all requirements for the CDA
- Earn an Early Childhood Certificate then continue to an associate degree program
- Earn an associate degree in early childhood education
- Earn an associate degree in early childhood education then continue to a bachelor's program
- Earn a bachelor's degree in the early childhood education
- Obtain teacher licensure in early childhood education
- Earn a master's degree in early childhood education
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the degree program and college you plan to attend.**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATE OR NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK**  
**Scholarship: 80% T.E.A.C.H. - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer**

- EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (10-13 hours)**
- EARLY CHILDHOOD TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (26-42 hours)**
- NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENT (9-12 hours of ECE coursework only – no certificate or degree)**

- Arkansas State University at Beebe
- Arkansas State University at Newport
- East Arkansas Community College
- Northwest Arkansas Community College
- Ozarka College
- Phillips Community College of the U of A
- South Arkansas College (SEARK)
- Southern Arkansas University (SAU) Tech
- University of Arkansas Community College – Batesville
- University of Arkansas Community College – Morrilton
- University of Arkansas Community College – Rich Mountain
- University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
- University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology
- University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College

**Certificate of Proficiency:** Completion of the Early Childhood Certificate of Proficiency will count towards the 120 hours of early childhood education training required for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. Certificate graduates must also obtain 480 hours of professional work experience, prepare a CDA professional portfolio and successfully complete the CDA Verification Visit conducted by a CDA PD Specialist. →→ →→ →→ **Are you planning to complete all requirements for a CDA?**  YES  NO

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Scholarship: 80% T.E.A.C.H. - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer

- Arkansas State University at Beebe (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- Arkansas Tech University (Associate of Science, Early Childhood)
- Northwest Arkansas Community College (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- Shorter College (Associate of Arts in Childhood Development)
- South Arkansas College (SEARK) (AAS, Early Childhood Paraprofessional Technology)
- University of Arkansas Community College – Batesville (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- University of Arkansas Community College – Morrilton (AAS, Early Childhood Development)
- University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Tech (AAS, Gen Tech with ECE Tech Certificate)
- University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College (AAS, Early Childhood Development)

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE – PUBLIC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Scholarship: 80% T.E.A.C.H. - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer

- Arkansas State University Jonesboro: Bachelor of General Studies  
*Scholar must also complete two Early Childhood emphasis areas with this degree.*
- Arkansas Tech University: B.S., Organizational Leadership w/ Child Development concentration  
*Scholar must complete the child development concentration. This degree is only open to directors.*
- Henderson State University: B.S.E., Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated Birth-K
- University of Arkansas at Fort Smith: Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- University of Arkansas at Fayetteville: B.S.H.E.S., Birth through Kindergarten

*This degree requires on-campus attendance during the day. Scholar must have prior approval from TEACH.*

### MASTER'S DEGREE

Scholarship: 80% T.E.A.C.H. - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer

- Arkansas State University Jonesboro: Master of Science in Early Childhood Services
- Arkansas State University Jonesboro: Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education  
*(Applicant must hold a current Arkansas teacher license to be admitted to the MSE program.)*

### PRIVATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Scholarship: 50% T.E.A.C.H. - 40% Scholar - 10% Employer

*Scholar is responsible for 40% of tuition & fees and must pay the school directly unless superseded by tuition agreement.*

- Harding University: B.A., Birth to Kindergarten (Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated License)
- Harding University: M.A.T. (Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated License)

### OTHER ECE PROGRAMS AT ARKANSAS PUBLIC COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Scholarship: 80% T.E.A.C.H. - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer

*If you do not see your preferred college or program listed, you may list it here. (Colleges must first be approved by T.E.A.C.H.) If the degree meets requirements and the school agrees to the payment terms, we will process the scholarship. Approval is not guaranteed and is subject to deadlines and funding availability.*

- \_\_\_\_\_
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|-----------------|----------------|
| Name of College | Degree Program |
|-----------------|----------------|

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS?**

- Presentation
- Mailing
- College
- My Center Director
- T.E.A.C.H. Recipient
- Workshop
- AECA Website
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information about Your Background and Experiences**

**Which of the following credentials and specializations do you currently hold?**

- CDA: Infant/Toddler
- CDA: Preschool
- CDA: Family Child Care Home
- CDA: Home Visitor
- Arkansas Issued Credential
- Post BA (state teaching license)
- None of these apply

**Have you taken any college courses in the past two years?**     YES     NO

**Have you taken any ECE credits in the past two years?**     YES     NO  
If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you CPR/First Aid Certified?**     YES     NO

**Which languages can you speak fluently?**

- Arabic
- Korean
- Thai
- Armenian
- Lao
- Tribal: \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese
- Persian
- Urdu
- Creole
- Polish
- Vietnamese
- English
- Portuguese
- Yiddish
- French
- Russian
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Greek
- Spanish
- Hindi
- Swahili
- Japanese
- Tagalog

**What is your preferred language for learning?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Structure**

**How many people live in your household?** \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Relationship
	Parents
	Siblings
	Spouse/Significant Other
	Children
	Other

**Have either your parents or any of your brothers or sisters attended college?**

- YES     NO

**Do either of your parents or any of your brothers or sisters have a college degree?**

- YES     NO

## Your Acknowledgements & Signature

I am applying for a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS scholarship to help cover the cost of my higher education program in early childhood. I certify that all information that I have provided is true and accurate. I understand that all T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood scholarships are contingent on the availability of funding and the program may be terminated at any time. I understand that funding priorities (including but not limited to income and type of degree program) may be used to determine the order of application acceptance and any waiting list. I understand any omission or incorrect information may be grounds for rejection of application or revocation of scholarship.

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**Signature of Applicant**

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**Date**

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**Print Name**

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS  
Income Statement**

**Complete all fields. Blank forms will be rejected.**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Job #1**

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Hours/Week \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Earnings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How often are you paid?  Weekly  Biweekly  Twice monthly  Monthly

Months per year worked: \_\_\_\_\_

If you work less than 12 months per year, are you still paid over 12 months?  Yes  No

**Job #2**

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Hours/Week \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Earnings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How often are you paid?  Weekly  Biweekly  Twice monthly  Monthly

Months per year worked: \_\_\_\_\_

If you work less than 12 months per year, are you still paid over 12 months?  Yes  No

**YOUR MONTHLY INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you applied or been approved for any of the following additional financial aid?**

**PELL Grant**  Applied  Approved Amount (if known); \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Loan\***  Applied  Approved Amount (if known); \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Scholarship**  Applied  Approved Amount (if known); \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT MUST INCLUDE A PAYSTUB DATED WITHIN THE LAST 30 DAYS  
WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS  
Scholarship Application for Child Care Centers  
Participation Agreement Page**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM/EMPLOYER.**

The Early Childhood Scholarship Programs offered through T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS require the sponsorship of each scholarship recipient’s employing child care center.

In the event \_\_\_\_\_ (name) is awarded a scholarship, I understand the center agrees to participate as follows:

- Maintain the program’s Arkansas Child Care license in good standing.
- Pay employer portion of the cost of tuition and fees each semester for approved courses.
- Pay employer portion of the cost of books each semester.
- Provide paid release time for the scholarship employee equal to the number of credit hours the employee is taking for the semester, up to a maximum of 96 hours per semester.
- Pay a \$300 stipend upon recipient’s successful completion of contract coursework and commitment (annually) or provide the minimum required annual pay raise.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Child Care Center License Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City County Zip

**For Teachers/Assistant Teacher Scholarships:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Early Childhood Center Signature of Director/Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Director/Owner Date Signed

**For Director Scholarships:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Early Childhood Center Signature of Owner/Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Owner/Board Chairperson Date Signed



**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS**  
**SPONSORING CHILD CARE CENTER PROFILE**  
**To be completed by the Child Care Center Director or Owner**

Child Care Center \_\_\_\_\_

License # \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director's  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Location Address:**

**Mailing Address (if different):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the center managed or owned by another agency/organization?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please provide the following information for the owner organization or central office:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

← { **Should bills, invoices and payments be sent to the central office?**  Yes  No

<p><b>Better Beginnings Level</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Currently do not participate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6</p> <p><b>Nationally Accredited (NAEYC)?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Do you have a current voucher participation agreement with DHS?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Type of Agency</b> (check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Private For-Profit    <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership    <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Head Start    <input type="checkbox"/> Public School</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based    <input type="checkbox"/> State Pre-K</p> <p>License Capacity _____</p> <p>Currently Enrolled _____</p>
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**Program Funding:**     Head Start     Early Head Start     Arkansas Better Chance  
 (check all that apply)     CCDF PreK     IDEA/Medicaid     Vouchers (Subsidy)