

# TEACH Early Childhood® Arkansas

## Early Childhood (Pre-K) Teacher Academy

Applicants must also apply for admission to a participating university: Arkansas State University (Jonesboro), Henderson State University, and University of Arkansas Little Rock

Am I eligible?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold bachelor’s degree or higher with at least 18 hours of early childhood education.</li> <li>Achieve passing score (149 or higher) on Praxis 5024 prior to admission.</li> <li>Eligible for admission to university’s graduate school.</li> <li>Employed at least 90 days in a setting serving three- to five-year olds in Arkansas and have signed participation form from program rated Better Beginnings Level 3 or higher.</li> <li>Verify with college that employment meets requirement of having an eligible licensed mentor to supervise internship.</li> </ul>
What centers can participate?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold Arkansas child care license and Better Beginnings rating of Level 3 or higher.</li> <li>Able to financially contribute a percentage of tuition, books and annual incentive.</li> <li>Agree to provide scholars with release time (3-6 hours weekly) reimbursed by TEACH.</li> </ul>

### How does the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship work? \*

	TEACH	Scholar	Employer
Public Tuition/Fees	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	10%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester	Scholar completes at least 9 credit hours per year with passing grades.	-
Release Time	Reimburse employer \$15.00/hour up to 6 hours per week		Agree to release time of 3-6 hours per week
Incentive	Pay scholar \$700 on completion of contract and work commitment		Pay scholar \$300 on completion of contract & work commitment (or 2% pay increase) **
Technology Stipend	Reimburse scholar up to \$500 for new laptop		N/A
Praxis Test	Reimburse 80% of cost of Praxis test		

\*All scholarships are subject to funding availability. Undergraduate scholarships may be prioritized.

\*\*Pay increase must be in addition to any cost-of-living increases given to all employees.



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