

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Arkansas Scholarship Early Childhood (Pre-K) Teacher Academy | 2025-2026

**Applicants must also apply for admission to one of the participating colleges:
Arkansas State University (Jonesboro), Henderson State University,
and University of Arkansas at Little Rock.**

Applicant Eligibility

- Have a bachelor’s degree or higher with at least 18 hours of Early Childhood Education.
- Achieve a passing score (149 or higher) on the Praxis 5024 test.
- Eligible for admission to the university’s graduate school.
- Employed at least 90 days in a setting serving three- to five-year olds in Arkansas and have a signed participation form from program that is Better Beginnings Level 3 or higher.
- Verify with the college their employment setting meets the requirement of having an eligible licensed mentor teacher to oversee the internship.

Employer Eligibility

- Meet all requirements set by the Arkansas Department of Education.
- Have a license in good standing with Arkansas Child Care Licensing.
- Agree to sponsor participating employee with release time and pay the incentive-stipend upon employee’s completion of educational contract and commitment.

How does the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship work?

	T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship	Teacher-Scholar	Pre-K Employer
Tuition & Fees ¹	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	10%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester		-
Release Time	Reimbursement of release time at \$15.00/hour up to 6 hours weekly	Scholar must complete academy or endorsement coursework (including internship) with minimum grades required for program credit.	Agree to release time of 3-6 hours per week
Incentive	Pay employee up to \$700 upon completion of all coursework and additional year of employment.		Pay employee up to \$300 stipend (or give a 2% pay increase ²) upon completion of all coursework and additional year of employment.
Praxis	Reimburse 80% of cost of Praxis 5024 test		
Technology	Reimburse up to \$500 for purchase of new laptop ³		

¹T.E.A.C.H. pays colleges directly for 100% of tuition and invoices scholar and employer for co-pays.

²Pay increase must be in addition to any cost-of-living increase given to all employees.

³One time stipend which must be repaid if scholar does not complete program.

Email teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org or call 501-680-1930 for application or more information.



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