

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?

- Hold bachelor's degree or higher with at least 18 hours of early childhood education.
- Achieve passing score (149 or higher) on Praxis 5024 prior to admission.
- Eligible for admission to university's graduate school.
- 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.
- Verify with college that employment meets requirement of having an eligible licensed mentor to supervise internship.

What centers can participate?

- Hold Arkansas child care license and Better Beginnings rating of Level 3 or higher.
- Able to financially contribute a percentage of tuition, books and annual incentive.
- Agree to provide scholars with release time (3-6 hours weekly) reimbursed by TEACH.

How does the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship work? *

| | TEACH | Scholar | Employer |
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| 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 \$700 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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