



# **TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS**

## **Scholarship Application**

### **for Child Care Center staff**

1. There are two sections of forms in this packet — forms for the teacher-applicant and forms for the employer. The applicant must complete pages 2-7 then give the application to the center director/administrator to complete pages 8-9.
2. With this application, the applicant must also submit a current paystub dated within the past 30 days. Additional documentation will be required after application is processed.
3. An application with missing information will be returned for completion.
4. Sign and date every place where indicated.
5. The 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>.
6. When all information is completed, mail all forms and documentation to:  
TEACH Early Childhood ARKANSAS  
c/o AECA  
P.O. Box 4291  
Fayetteville, AR 72702
7. For faster processing, you may scan all forms and documentation then email to [teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org](mailto:teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org).

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

**TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS**  
**Scholarship Application**  
**For Child Care Center Teachers/Directors**



(Rev. 3/1/25)

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

Are you currently enrolled?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Scholarship Start Date Requested:

☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**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>	(Optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

**Race (this field is optional)**

- |                                                         |                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino                | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern/North African        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races              |                                                              |

**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) <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler (13-36 mo.) <input type="checkbox"/> I do not work directly with children. <input type="checkbox"/> Prek (37 mo-5 yrs)	

Beginning date of employment: \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be employed at least 90 days.)

# of children in classroom: \_\_\_\_\_ Hour per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Wage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Months Per Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: ☐ hourly ☐ weekly ☐ every 2 weeks ☐ twice monthly ☐ monthly

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

## Information about Your Chosen Education and Career Goals

### Describe your current level of education:

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

### 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
- ☐ Earn an associate degree in early childhood then continue to a bachelor's program
- ☐ Earn a bachelor's degree in the early childhood field
- ☐ Obtain teacher licensure in the early childhood field
- ☐ Earn a master's degree in the early childhood field
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATE OR NON-DEGREE COURSEWORK

Scholarship: 80% TEACH - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer

- ☐ Early Childhood Certificate of Proficiency (10-13 hours)
- ☐ Early Childhood Technical Certificate (26-42 hours)
- ☐ Non-Degree Seeking Student (9-18 hours of ECE coursework only)

- ☐ 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

**ECE Certificate of Proficiency:** Completion of the Certificate of Proficiency counts towards the 120 hours of ECE 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

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

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE

**Scholarship: 80% TEACH - 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 U of A (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- ☐ Shorter College (Associate of Arts in Childhood Development)
- ☐ South Arkansas College (SEARK) (AAS, Early Childhood Paraprofessional Technology)
- ☐ UA Community College-Batesville (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- ☐ UA Community College-Morrilton (AAS, Early Childhood Development)
- ☐ UA Fort Smith (AAS, Early Childhood Education)
- ☐ UA Monticello College of Technology (AAS, General Technology w/ ECE Tech Certificate)  
**Must complete the early childhood certificate with this degree.**
- ☐ UA Pulaski Technical College (AAS, Early Childhood Development)

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

**Scholarship: 80% TEACH - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer**

- ☐ Arkansas State University Jonesboro: Bachelor of General Studies  
**Must also complete two Early Childhood emphasis areas with this degree.**
- ☐ Arkansas Tech University: B.S., Organizational Leadership w/ Child Dev concentration  
**Must complete child development concentration. Degree is only open to directors & owners.**
- ☐ Henderson State University: B.S.E, Birth to Kindergarten (ECE-SPED Integrated)
- ☐ University of Arkansas Fayetteville: B.S.H.E.S., Birth through K (ECE-SPED Integrated)  
**Requires on-campus attendance during the day. Prior approval from TEACH is required.**
- ☐ University of Arkansas Fort Smith: Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

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

**Scholarship: 80% TEACH - 10% Scholar - 10% Employer**

- ☐ Arkansas State University Jonesboro: Master of Science in Early Childhood Services
- ☐ Arkansas State University Jonesboro: MSE in Early Childhood Education  
**Must hold a current Arkansas teacher license to be admitted to the MSE program.**
- ☐ Henderson State University: M.A.T. (Early Childhood/Special Ed Integrated)

### PRIVATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

**Scholarship: 45% TEACH - 50% Scholar - 5% Employer**

**Scholar is responsible for 50% of tuition & fees and must pay the school directly.**

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

### OTHER PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

**Scholarship: 80% TEACH - 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 TEACH.)** 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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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |                |
| Name of College                | Degree Program |

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

**How did you hear about TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS?**

- |                                       |                                             |                                                        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation | <input type="checkbox"/> My Center Director | <input type="checkbox"/> AECA Website                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing      | <input type="checkbox"/> TEACH Recipient    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College      | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop           |                                                        |

**Additional Information about Your Background and Experiences**

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

- |                                                      |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Infant/Toddler         | <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Issued Credential       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Preschool              | <input type="checkbox"/> Post BA (state teaching license) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Family Child Care Home | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these apply              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDA: Home Visitor           |                                                           |

**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?**

- |                                   |                                     |                                        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic   | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean     | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian | <input type="checkbox"/> Lao        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese  | <input type="checkbox"/> Persian    | <input type="checkbox"/> Urdu          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creole   | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish     | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English  | <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese | <input type="checkbox"/> Yiddish       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French   | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greek    | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish    |                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi    | <input type="checkbox"/> Swahili    |                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog    |                                        |

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

## Your Acknowledgements & Signature

I am applying for a TEACH 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 TEACH 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**

**TEACH 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/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/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): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS Participation Agreement Page

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

The Early Childhood Scholarship Programs offered through TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS require the sponsorship of each scholarship recipient's employing child care center. In the event \_\_\_\_\_ (name of applicant) 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 employment 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



**TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS**  
**Sponsoring Child Care Center Profile**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE CHILD CARE DIRECTOR-OWNER.**

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

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

Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 invoices/payments  
be sent to the Central Ofc?**  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**Better Beginnings Level**

☐ Currently do not participate

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

**Nationally Accredited (NAEYC)?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Do you have a current voucher  
(CCDF) participation agreement?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Type of Agency**  
(check all that apply)

☐ Private For-Profit ☐ Non-profit

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation

☐ Head Start ☐ Public School

☐ Faith-based ☐ State Pre-K

License Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Funding:**  
(check all that apply)

☐ HS/Early Head Start ☐ Arkansas Better Chance

☐ Federal PreK ☐ EIDT/Medicaid ☐ Vouchers