

TEACH Early Childhood® Arkansas

Master's Degree Scholarship

Public Colleges & Universities – Effective Fall 2026

Arkansas State University	Henderson State University
M.S. Early Childhood Services	M.A.T. ECE-SPED Integrated (Birth-K)
M.S.E. Early Childhood Education	

Am I eligible?*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employed as a director, teacher, assistant teacher or educational staff in a licensed child care center for the past 90 days. ▪ Working at least 30 hours per week ▪ Be admitted to a program in early childhood at a participating college or university.
What centers can participate?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Licensed as a child care center in good standing with Arkansas Child Care Licensing. ▪ 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.

***Master's Degree applicants must provide a brief justification. Master's degrees receive a reduced scholarship percentage and are reviewed in the next-to-last priority tier under the TEACH Priority Framework.**

How does the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship work?

	TEACH	Scholar	Employer
Tuition/Fees	40%	50%	10%
Books	40%	50%	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

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



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