

TEACH Early Childhood® Arkansas Scholarship Overview

Associate Degree Scholarship + Registered Apprenticeship – Fall 2026

Scholar Eligibility

- ▶ Completed at least one semester of an associate degree scholarship through TEACH Early Childhood® scholarship with passing grades.
- ▶ Actively participate in monthly visits with assigned mentors and make progress towards established goals and required on-the-job training hours.

Program Eligibility

- ▶ Be a licensed child care center in good standing with Arkansas Child Care Licensing.
- ▶ Financially contribute a percentage of tuition and books.
- ▶ Provide scholar with release time (up to 144 hours per semester) reimbursed by TEACH, which includes two on-site mentor visits and one virtual check-in monthly.
- ▶ Agree to 4% permanent pay increase for each year of apprenticeship (in addition to any other cost-of-living increases provided to other employees).

How does the Associate Degree Apprentice Scholarship work?

	TEACH	Scholar	Employer
Tuition/Fees	90%	5%	5%
Books	90%	5%	5%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester		-
Release Time	Reimburse employer \$15 per hour up to 144 hours of release time per semester.	Complete at least 9 credit hours per year with passing grades as determined by the school.	Provide paid release time up to 144 hours per semester.
Scholar Incentive	\$500 on successful completion of contract and \$500 for completing work commitment		4% permanent raise for each year of apprenticeship (COLA does not count.)
Professional Library	Up to \$500 in books for personal ECE library	Make progress towards 2,000 hours of OJT. Demonstrate mastery of required competency areas.	-
Classroom Materials	Up to \$1,500 in approved classroom materials		-
Technology	Reimburse scholar up to \$700 for laptop purchase.		-
Employer Stipend	\$750 paid semi-annually for each apprentice making adequate progress.		Submit apprentice work hours each month. Allow mentor visits twice monthly and monthly virtual check-in.

**To get a list of colleges or an application, call 501.680.1930
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