



TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS

Scholarship Application

for Child Care Center staff (Rev. 2/26)

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 proving residency and prior education shall be required before a scholarship contract is approved. Submission of an application does not guarantee a scholarship for any particular semester.
3. Applicant must also apply and be admitted to an approved college program in early childhood. Proof of admission is required before scholarship approval.
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 application is complete, mail forms and documentation to:
AECA/TEACH Early Childhood ARKANSAS
P.O. Box 4291
Fayetteville, AR 72702

For faster processing, you may scan all forms and documentation then email to teach@arkansasearlychildhood.org.

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



Date of Application: _____

Are you currently enrolled? Yes No
 Scholarship Start Date Requested: Fall Spring Year: _____

Information About You

Name			
Address			
City, St, Zip			
County			
Phone	Home:	Mobile (if different):	
SSN			
Email			
Birth Date	(mm/dd/yyyy)	Sex (This question is optional.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

Race (This section 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"/> Two or more races |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Information about Your Current Position

What is your current job title?	<input type="checkbox"/> Director/Assistant Director <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Teacher	
How long have you worked in the field of early childhood?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 years
What age groups do you teach? (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Infants (0-12 mo.) <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler (13-36 mo.) <input type="checkbox"/> Prek (37 mo-5 yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> School-Age (6+ yrs) <input type="checkbox"/> I do not work directly with children.

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

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)
- UA Fayetteville: B.S., Early Childhood B-K (ECE-SPED Integrated + P-2 licensure)
Requires on-campus attendance during the day. Prior approval from TEACH is required.
- UA Fort Smith: Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

MASTER'S DEGREE – PUBLIC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Scholarship: 40% TEACH - 50% Scholar - 10% Employer

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

- 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: 25% TEACH - 70% Scholar - 5% Employer

Scholar is responsible for 70% 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.

- _____
Name of College Degree Program

Applicant Name: _____

How did you hear about TEACH Early Childhood® ARKANSAS?

- Presentation My Center Director AECA Website
 Mailing TEACH Recipient Other (please specify):
 College Workshop _____

Additional Information about Your Background and Experiences

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

- CDA: Infant/Toddler Arkansas Issued Credential
 CDA: Preschool Post BA (state teaching license)
 CDA: Family Child Care Home None of these apply
 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.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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