TEACH Early Childhood® Arkansas
Bachelor's and Master's Scholarships
Private Colleges and Universities - Effective Fall 2026

Harding University:	***B.A., Birth to Kindergarten, ECE-SPED Integrated*** ***B.S., Child Development*** ***M.A.T. ECE-SPED Integrated (Birth-K)***

Am I eligible?*
▪ Employed 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. ▪ Must justify the need for the program.
What centers can participate?
▪ 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.

***Because Harding University is a private institution with higher tuition, applicants must include a justification. Harding applications are considered only after higher-priority public college applications.**

How does the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship work?

	TEACH	Scholar	Employer
Tuition/Fees	25%	70%	5%
Books	25%	70%	5%
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	Reimburse scholar up to $700 for new laptop		N/A
Praxis Test (if applicable)	Reimburse scholar for 80% of Praxis fee	-	-

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

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