TEACH Early Childhood® Arkansas

Early Childhood (Pre-K) Teacher Academy Scholarship* – Summer 2026

Applicants must also apply for admission to a participating university.

Scholarship Requirements
▪ Bachelor's degree or higher with at least 18 hours of early childhood education. ▪ Score of at least 143 on Praxis 5533. ▪ Eligible for admission to the university's graduate school. ▪ Employed at least 90 days in a setting serving three- to five-year olds in Arkansas and have signed participation form from program. ▪ Verify with the college that pre-K employer has licensed teacher to supervise internship.
Pre-K Program Eligibility
▪ Licensed as a child care center and Better Beginnings rating of Level 3 or higher. ▪ 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.

How does the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship work?

	TEACH	Scholar	Employer
Tuition & Fees	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	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 completion of 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
Praxis Test	Reimburse 80% of cost of Praxis 5533 and a practice test**		

*Scholarships are subject to funding availability. Undergraduate scholarships may be prioritized.
**Praxis reimbursement is processed upon signing of the TEACH contract. Paid receipts required.
*** Pay increase must be in addition to any cost-of-living increases given to all employees.

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