



Private College Scholarships* Bachelor's and Master's Degrees 2026-27 Overview for Arkansas Private Colleges

Earn your early childhood certificate or degree while you work.

Educator Eligibility

- Employed in an eligible position in a licensed child care center for the past 90 days
- Working at least 30 hours per week
- Be admitted to or enrolled in a TEACH-approved bachelor's or master's degree program in early childhood education

Employer Eligibility

- Be a licensed child care center in good standing with Arkansas Child Care Licensing
- Contribute a portion of tuition, book and annual incentive
- Provide scholars with release time (up to 96 hours per semester), reimbursed by TEACH

*Because private colleges and universities charge a significantly higher tuition rate, applicants must justify the need for the program and include reasons why degree cannot be obtained at an Arkansas public institution. Private college scholarships are only considered after higher-priority public college applications.

How the Private Institution Scholarship Works

	TEACH Early Childhood	Educator	Employer
Tuition	25%	70%**	5%
Books	25%	70%	5%
Travel Stipend	\$200 per semester	Complete at least 9 credit hours per year with passing grades as determined by school.	N/A
Release Time	Reimburse employer \$17/hour for up to 96 hours of release time per semester		Provide paid release time (up to 96 hours per semester)
Scholar Incentive (earned on completion)	Contract Coursework: \$350 Additional Year of Employment: \$350		Contract Coursework: \$150 Additional Year of Employment: \$150
One-time Technology	Reimburse up to \$700 for technology purchase		N/A
Praxis Fee (TEACH scholars enrolled in an ECE licensure program)	80% of Praxis fee reimbursed if pursuing teacher licensure in ECE		

**Educators must pay their portion of tuition directly to the college or university.

Click [here](#) to get a list of approved colleges. Email or call 501 680 1930 for an application.

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