



Undergraduate Program Scholarships Certificate, Associate & Bachelor's* Degrees 2026-27 Overview for Arkansas Public 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 certificate, associate or bachelor'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

*Bachelor's scholarship applicants must justify need for the degree.

How the Undergraduate Scholarship Works

	TEACH Early Childhood	Educator	Employer
Tuition	80%	10%	10%
Books	80%	10%	10%
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
CDA Reimbursement	80% of CDA fee reimbursed if TEACH scholar is pursuing CDA credential		
Praxis Reimbursement	80% of Praxis fee reimbursed if TEACH scholar is enrolled in teacher licensure program in ECE		

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

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