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College Scholarship Program for Child Care Professionals





WHAT IS T.E.A.C.H.?

T.E.A.C.H. is a unique scholarship program that works to increase the education levels of Colorado's child care professionals, reduce turnover in the child care field and increase child care wages.

WHY IS T.E.A.C.H. NEEDED?

Research shows that both higher education and specialized training in early childhood education are critical indicators of quality in a care setting.

WHO BENEFITS?

Participants

- Increase knowledge and skill level by enrolling in educational classes.
- Receive increased compensation for the completion of their coursework.

Child Care Programs

- Maximize their staff development budgets.
- Experience reduced staff turnover, improving the quality and marketability of their program.

Children

- Receive consistent and higher quality care from providers who are committed to their work.
- Benefit from the specialized training their provider has received in early childhood education.
- These providers tend to have a better understanding of child development and are more sensitive to the needs of young children.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Early childhood teachers, assistant teachers, family child care proviers, and center directors who meet the criteria below may be eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship.

- Are employed full time in a licensed child care setting.
- By the start of the scholarship have worked at current child care program for at least 90 days or one year depending on the type of scholarship.
- Earn less than \$17/hour (teachers and assistants) or \$20/ hour (owners, directors, family child care providers) at time of application.
- Are pursuing an undergraduate early childhood degree, an Early Childhood Professional Credential, or an early childhood teacher or director qualification.

OTHER IMPORTANT BENEFITS

- 80 percent of tuition paid.
- Books cost reimbursed.
- Travel stipend.
- Paid release time in some instances.

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENTS ARE RECIPIENTS REQUIRED TO MAKE?

- Must remain at the sponsoring center for six months to one year following the scholarship year.
- Pay a portion of the cost of tuition.
- Must attend and successfully complete all courses.

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENTS ARE PROGRAMS REQUIRED TO MAKE?

- Pay a portion of tuition costs.
- Award bonus upon completion of scholarship requirements.
- Give the recipient paid release time from work each week to attend classes or study.

DID YOU KNOW?

A T.E.A.C.H. scholarship ranges from three to 12 credits to meet the various needs of child care providers.

Applications are accepted year round.

Most recipients use more than one scholarship to attain their education goal.

At times there may be a waiting list