

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT

Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program for Child Care Center Teachers

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any teacher who would like to obtain an Associate Degree by enrolling in coursework in Early Childhood Education and who is employed full-time (30 hours/week minimum) in a licensed child care center or a licensed family child care home is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field, as shown through information on the application.

What kind of support does the scholarship program provide?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT pays for a percentage of tuition and books, provides an access stipend each semester, reimburses the center for a portion of the release time given, provides a contract completion bonus for teachers and provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

What kind of commitment are centers required to make?

Centers must agree to sponsor a scholarship teacher by contributing a portion of the cost of tuition, giving teachers paid release time each week and agreeing to award the teacher either a bonus or raise upon completion of each one-year scholarship contract. T.E.A.C.H. will reimburse centers for a portion of the cost of release time.

Is there flexibility in the way in which teachers and centers can participate?

Yes. Two models for participation currently exist. In one model, teachers and sponsoring centers each contribute 10% of the cost of tuition and books. Sponsoring centers also provide 3 hours of paid release time per week, and agree to provide either a 1.5% raise or \$250 to the teacher upon the successful completion of each TEACH contract.



For more information, call or write:

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What kind of commitment are scholarship teachers required to make?

As scholarship recipients, teachers must attend classes and successfully complete 9-15 credits during the contract year toward an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Teachers will be asked to contribute 10% of the cost of tuition and books for each course. At the end of the scholarship year, teachers are required to remain employed at their sponsoring center for one additional year in return for a salary increase or bonus.

Can any type of center sponsor a teacher on a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?

Profit, church, not-for-profit, public and Head Start programs can sponsor scholarship teachers. Any licensed center wishing to make a commitment to teacher education and compensation by meeting the terms of the scholarship contract can participate.

Can a scholarship be extended for another year?

As long as funds are available, and as long as both the child care center and teacher continue to be eligible, T.E.A.C.H. will award scholarship contract renewals so the teacher can continue taking courses.

Who funds the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program?

Funding comes from a variety of sources including The Henderson Foundation for startup funds, the Vermont Child Development Division and the Vermont Early Learning Challenge/Race to the Top grant.



The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) is designed to provide a comprehensive and integrated structure for a variety of scholarship initiatives. The Project was created to improve the education of people working in child care centers and family child care homes while increasing their compensation. Developed through Child Care Services Association in North Carolina in 1990, T.E.A.C.H. was created to upgrade the level of education of teachers working with young children while making the educational process affordable, increasing wages and reducing turnover.

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