

## THE IMPACT OF T.E.A.C.H.



Hillary Lancaster

*"I am currently a preschool teacher at Thomson Primary in Brush, Colorado, my hometown. I currently have my Associates of Art in ECE and just completed my Associates of Art in General Studies. This fall, I started a bachelor's program to obtain my degree in Human Development and Family Studies, and finish out with my master's and licensure in ECE.*

*Without the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship, there is NO WAY I would be able to continue my education. I do not qualify for any assistance of any sort, and I cannot afford to take out anymore student loans. If it weren't for the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship, and leadership I have gotten, I would not be getting my bachelor's degree. The T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship has truly been a blessing in my life, and I am thankful everyday that I have it and am able to continue my education."*

*"It was a joyous day when I was accepted into the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program. It gave me fuel to achieve a 4.0 GPA and led to amazing professional advancements including new job opportunities. Three years ago I was ready to jump ship and leave the early childhood education field. I struggled long and hard with this decision as early childhood education has been my passion. Receiving the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship changed my life, reignited my ambition, and connected me to the right network of equally driven people.*

*It is with heartfelt appreciation that I thank you for this amazing opportunity. Thank you for helping me reignite my passion for the work I love to do. Serving children and families is a rewarding job. It brings a smile to my face when I get to tell people what I do."*



Jennifer Martin



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Thank you to Qualistar's T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee for its collaboration in ensuring every child has an excellent teacher.

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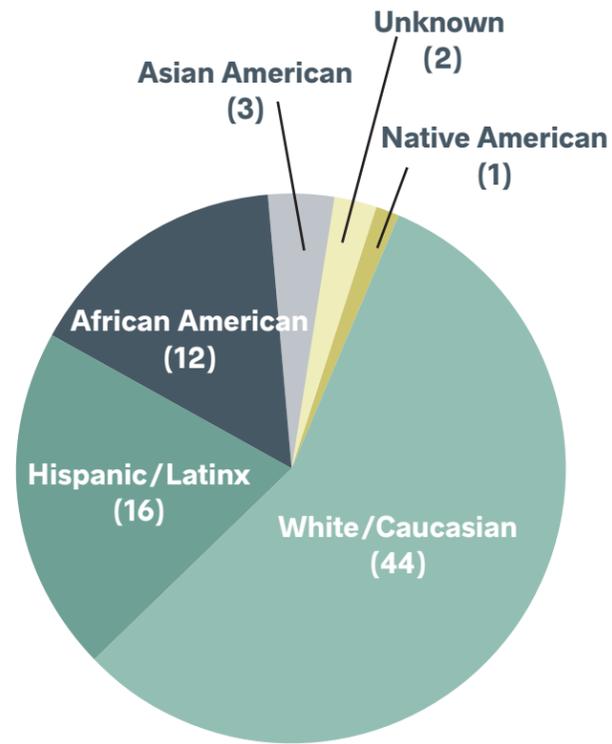


# Colorado T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®

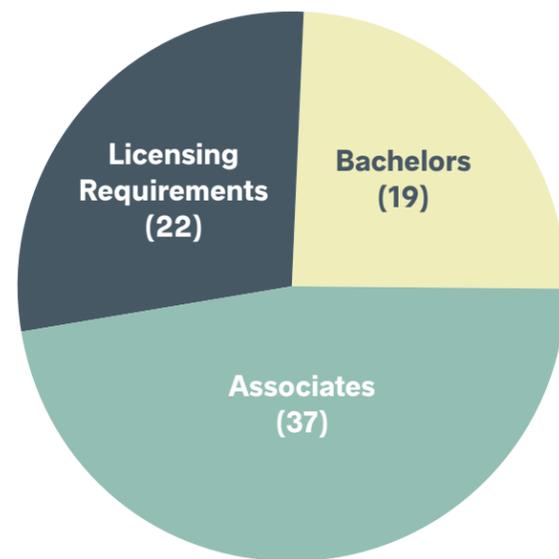
Qualistar Colorado's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® program is affiliated with the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center. T.E.A.C.H. covers 90 percent of college tuition and fees for continued education. T.E.A.C.H. allows professionals to attend college courses to meet licensing requirements, receive specialized training, and to earn associate and bachelor's degrees. After the sunset of Qualistar Colorado in December 2018, the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® program in Colorado will continue at the Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance (ECCLA).

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship offers early childhood education program directors and teachers a pathway to pursue higher education. Early care and education teachers who have postsecondary experience have a better understanding of child development and are more sensitive to the needs of young children. In fact, Colorado requires center directors and teachers to have completed college-level classes. However, with low wages, teachers are frequently unable to afford college-level coursework and meaningful professional development. The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship has been helping Colorado's ECE professionals afford their higher education dreams.

Diversity of Recipients  
FY 17/18  
(Number of recipients)



Scholarships by Type  
FY 17/18  
(Number of recipients)



Total Recipients Since 1998: 2,355

## FY 2017/2018 AT A GLANCE



78 ECE professionals received T.E.A.C.H. scholarships.



The average age of T.E.A.C.H. recipients is 39 years old.



T.E.A.C.H. scholars impacted 4,954 children in Colorado.



100% of participants and sponsors would recommend the T.E.A.C.H. program.



Among T.E.A.C.H. scholars, the average GPA was a 3.44 (3.51 for B.A. and 3.36 for A.A.)



T.E.A.C.H. scholars completed 694 credit hours toward their degrees and certificates.



The average wage of participants when they began the T.E.A.C.H. program was \$13.38/hour.



After completing the T.E.A.C.H. program, recipients reported an average wage increase of 5%.



Among degree seeking recipients, the turnover rate was 0 percent, with a 3 percent turnover rate for all recipients, significantly lower than the national average of 33 percent.