



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] COLORADO Scholarship Program

Overview

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

Eligibility

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

- Are employed full time in a licensed early childhood education setting. Those working on their early childhood teacher qualifications must be employed at least 20 hours a week.
- Have worked at the current early childhood education program for at least 90 days prior to the start of the scholarship. Family child care providers must be licensed for one complete year prior to the start of the scholarship.
- Earn \$17 an hour or less as a teacher, or \$25 an hour or less as a director.
- Are pursuing an undergraduate early childhood degree, an early childhood professional credential, or an early childhood teacher or director qualification.

Benefits

- 90 percent tuition paid
- 90 percent book reimbursement
- Travel/Internet stipend
- Paid release time
- Bonus/raise upon successful completion of scholarship

RECIPIENT COMMITMENTS

- Remain at sponsoring program for six months to two years after completion of coursework.
- Pay five percent of the cost of tuition. Family child care providers pay 10 percent.
- Must attend and successfully complete all courses.

SPONSOR COMMITMENTS

- Pay five percent of the cost of tuition.
- Award bonus or two percent raise upon completion of scholarship requirements.
- Provide recipient paid release time to study.

The Denver Preschool Program and KinderCare Education have partnered with T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] COLORADO to provide scholarship opportunities to their staff. Please contact us for more information and to request an application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Shannon Hall, Manager of Scholarships, shannon@ecclacolorado.org.

Visit our website www.ecclacolorado.org.

ECCLA mission is to improve the quality, capacity, and equity of services and supports for Colorado's young children and their families through a statewide network of Early Childhood Councils and key stakeholders.



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Licensing Scholarship:

Education: 3-9 ECE credit hours per contract year

Compensation: T.E.A.C.H. awards \$75 bonus after successful completion of coursework

Sponsor awards \$75 bonus or 2% raise after successful completion of work commitment. (Center Employees Only)

Commitment: 6 months of continued employment at current child care program following completion of scholarship contract

Associate Degree Scholarship/ Bachelor Degree Scholarship:

Education: 9-18 credit hours per contract year

Compensation: T.E.A.C.H. awards \$300 bonus after successful completion of coursework.

Sponsor awards \$325 bonus or 2% raise after successful completion of work commitment. (Center Employees Only)

Commitment: 1 year of continued employment at current child care program following completion of scholarship contract

PROGRAM COSTS

T.E.A.C.H.	SPONSOR	SCHOLAR
90% Tuition	5% Tuition	5% Tuition (FCC 10%)
90% Books		10% Books
\$75 Travel/Internet stipend per semester paid to recipient		
Reimburse center \$6.00/hour paid release time	Provide 2 hours paid release time per week to participants	Receive 2 hours paid release time per week to study

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