

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] IOWA

Teacher Education And Compensation Helps



T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program

Do you want to go to college to improve the quality in your program? You may be eligible to receive a scholarship if you:

- work in a regulated preschool, child care center, or home program for at least 30 hours per week (or full time for the hours your preschool offers programming)
- have worked with children birth to age 5 in your current program for at least 3 months
- are working toward an early childhood degree, credential, or endorsement at an Iowa college (or would like to be)
- have the support of your employer (if applicable) and provide proof of participation or willingness to participate in a quality initiative such as QRS, QPPS, Head Start, or NAEYC/NAFCC accreditation.

First Steps

Call 515-331-8000 to speak with a T.E.A.C.H. counselor or email teach@iowaaeyc.org.

Obtain a T.E.A.C.H. application from a counselor or our website www.iowaaeyc.org.



Do you want to pursue a degree in early childhood?
Do you work with children birth - 5?
If you answered yes...

contact T.E.A.C.H to see if you qualify
for a scholarship up to \$5,000.

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Questions and Answers

■ What will this program support?

T.E.A.C.H. invests in people currently providing early care and education who wish to earn a college degree. Currently, available funds are supporting associate, bachelor degrees and endorsements in early childhood education, teaching license renewals and Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials and renewals.

■ Who is eligible?

Any early care and education provider in Iowa who works in a regulated home, preschool, or child care center at least 30 hours each week (or full-time for the hours your preschool offers programming to young children) and has been working at their current location for at least 90 days (or 6 months for bachelor applicants). Your employer must provide proof of participation or willingness to participate in a quality initiative such as QRS, QPPS, Head Start, or NAEYC/NAFCC accreditation.

■ Where can I go to college?

For the associate scholarship, any community college in Iowa; for the bachelor scholarship, any college in Iowa that has an ECE program. Only courses required in the degree programs will be approved to be supported by the scholarship. This can include the general education requirements such as English, math, etc. CDA classes are only directly supported if for college credit and at an Iowa community college.

■ What will T.E.A.C.H. pay for?

T.E.A.C.H. is a public-private partnership, investing in our child care workforce, supporting tuition up to 15-20 credits per year, books, release time (to allow for substitute caregivers to care for the children while you are in school or studying), travel costs, and an annual bonus or raise. The individual attending school (or his/her Pell grant) and/or the employing program supports a percentage of this investment, depending on the option chosen.

■ Where do these funds come from?

Funding for T.E.A.C.H. comes in part from the Iowa Department of Human Services; United Way of Central Iowa, Women's Leadership Connection; Early Childhood Iowa Professional Development; Polk County Early Childhood Iowa area; and the child care programs who co-sponsor a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship participant.



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