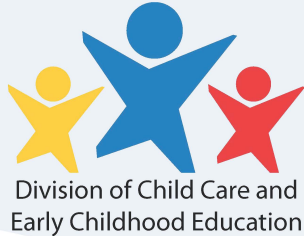


The T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Scholarship Program was developed to upgrade the level of education of staff working with young children while making the educational process affordable, increasing wages and reducing turnover.

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# APPLY

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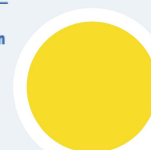
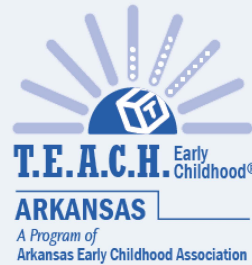
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# Programs Level Up

with a statewide partnership for  
early childhood educators!



*College  
Scholarships  
for EDUCATORS*

*Better Education  
for CHILDREN*

*Staff Stability  
for PROGRAMS*

**You make a difference in children's lives.  
Let us invest in you!**

T.E.A.C.H. gives college scholarships to early childhood educators in licensed centers and family child care homes. If you work at least 30 hours per week you may qualify for

***90% of tuition and books.  
\$80 travel stipend/semester.  
Paid release time from work.***

A T.E.A.C.H. counselor will help you navigate enrollment.

## **Educator commitment**

Continue to work in a licensed child care program 30 hours per week.

Successfully complete 9-15 semester hours per year toward an associate degree in early childhood education.

Continue working at your sponsoring center or in your family child care program for one year after your scholarship ends.

Upon completion  
of your educational  
contract, you'll get a

**\$450**  
BONUS

**Qualifications &  
application info at  
[arkansasearlychildhood.org/teach](http://arkansasearlychildhood.org/teach)**



## **Program Sponsorships**

**Reduce turnover  
& improve  
program quality!**

Participants must be sponsored  
by their program.

Research shows that specialized education for staff  
improves the quality of their interactions with  
children.

Higher educator qualifications help raise programs'  
Better Beginnings levels.

## **Sponsor Commitment**

Participant pays 5% of tuition; centers  
contribute 5%. Family-based programs  
do not have a tuition contribution.

Programs give the participant 3-6 hours of  
paid release time each week.

Centers, but not family-based programs,  
award the participant a \$300 bonus at the  
completion of their one-year educational  
contract.

T.E.A.C.H. reimburses the program  
\$11/hour for up to 6 hours per week of  
paid release time given.

The person you sponsor guarantees to  
keep working at your program for a full  
year after scholarship completion.

Programs should be at least Better  
Beginnings Level 2 or working on Level 2  
accreditation to participate.

**When we invest  
in educators,  
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