



**TEACH Early Childhood® Quick Start/Final Step
Associate Degree Scholarship**



The Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship is ideal for anyone who wants to begin by taking only a couple of courses or needs just a few credits to obtain an early childhood certificate, diploma or degree.

What is the Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship?

The Quick Start Scholarship is a TEACH scholarship option that allows recipients to take 4-7 credit hours of associate degree level coursework at any of North Carolina’s community colleges.

What does the Quick Start/Final Step scholarship provide?

In addition to counseling support, the Quick Start/Final Step scholarship provides financial support for costs associated with tuition and fees, books, course access, release time (for full time teachers) and a bonus. Refer to matrix.

Who is eligible to apply for the Quick Start/Final Step scholarship?

Teachers, assistant teachers, directors and family providers are eligible to apply for this scholarship if they

- Are working at least 30 hours per week in a NC licensed child care facility or are working less than 30 hours per week in a licensed part day preschool or school age program; and
- Are currently enrolled in credit bearing coursework at the associate degree level or intend to enroll in community college courses in early childhood education.

What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?

A scholarship recipient must attend classes regularly, successfully complete 4-7 credit hours and submit grades to TEACH. The Quick Start/Final Start scholarship is only available to a recipient one time during the individual’s pursuit of an associate degree or associate degree coursework.

What kind of employment commitment is the scholarship recipient required to make?

A scholarship recipient must be willing to remain with the employer for 9 months in exchange for receiving a monetary bonus. Scholarship recipients working in part day programs agree to remain in the early care and education field for one year upon receiving the bonus.

What are the benefits of a Quick Start/Final Scholarship to a sponsoring program?

Sponsoring programs have reduced tuition expenses, release time reimbursements (if applicable) and a more manageable compensation plan.

Which community colleges accept the Quick Start/Final Step Scholarship?

TEACH Early Childhood® North Carolina scholarships are accepted at any of North Carolina’s Community Colleges that offer an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education program.

	Scholarship	Education	Compensation	Commitment
Recipient	5% Tuition 5% Books	Recipient completes 4-7 credit hours of coursework leading to an Associate Degree at a N.C. Community College		Recipient will agree to work 9 months in sponsoring center at completion of 6 credit hours and award of bonus. For recipients working in part day programs, upon completion of 4-7 credit hours agree to work for 1 year in the field upon award of bonus.
Employer	5% Tuition 5% books (part day programs only) Provides 3 hours paid release time/week per semester (if applicable)		Issue \$50 bonus upon completion of contract	
T.E.A.C.H.	90% tuition 90-95% books Travel stipend Reimburse 60-100% of release time at \$10.00/hour (if applicable)		Issue \$150-425 bonus upon completion of contract	