

What is the Quick Start/Final Step Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship?

The Quick Start/Final Step Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship is ideal for anyone who wants to take only a couple of courses or needs just a few credits to attain a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education or child development. This TEACH scholarship option allows recipients to take just up to 7 credit hours at a participating college/university.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any child care center teacher or director who would like to attend a participating university to earn a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education or child development and who meets the following criteria is eligible for a scholarship. Applicants must:

- Be employed at least 30 hours per week in a licensed center or large family child care home;
- Have at least 55 hours of transferable credit toward a degree in early childhood education or child development;
- Be eligible for university admission as an in-state student at a partnering college, and;
- Have worked in child care in North Carolina for at least one year.

What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?

A scholarship recipient must attend classes regularly, successfully complete at least 6 credit hours and submit grades to TEACH. The Quick Start/Final Step scholarship is only available to a recipient one time during the individual’s pursuit of a bachelor’s degree.

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 scholarship and the monetary bonus.

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

Sponsoring programs have reduced tuition expenses, release time reimbursements, a more manageable compensation plan and a commitment from the recipient.

Which universities participate?

- Appalachian State University
- Gardner-Webb University
- UNC-Charlotte
- Barton College
- Greensboro College
- UNC-Greensboro
- Brevard College
- North Carolina A & T University
- UNC-Pembroke
- Catawba College
- North Carolina Central University
- UNC-Wilmington
- East Carolina University
- Shaw University
- Western Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- University of Mount Olive
- Winston Salem State University
- Fayetteville State University

What support and commitments can be expected with a TEACH scholarship?

| | Scholarship | Education | Compensation | Commitment |
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| Recipient | 5% Tuition 5% Books | Recipient completes up to 7 credit hours of coursework leading to a bachelor’s degree at a participating 4-year college/university | Receive \$475 bonus upon complete of contract. | Recipient will agree to work 9 months in sponsoring center at the completion of at least 6 credit hours and award of bonus. |
| Employer | 5% Tuition Provides 3 hours paid release time/week per semester | | Issue \$50 bonus upon completion of contract. | |
| TEACH | 90% tuition 95% books Access stipend Reimburse 50% of release time at \$10.00/hour | | Issue \$425 bonus upon completion of contract. | |