



TEACH Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship Program



What is the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship Program?

The TEACH Early Childhood® (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Program was developed to upgrade the level of education of early educator working with young children while making the educational process affordable, increasing wages and reducing turnover.

What is the purpose of the TEACH Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship Program?

This program was designed to provide educational opportunities for early educators working in a NC licensed child care facility and whose employer is unable to sponsor them on a comprehensive Associate or Bachelor Degree scholarship.

Who is eligible to receive a TEACH Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship?

Those applying to this program scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Able to enroll and complete 6 credit hours/ semester @ a NC community college or partnering university.
- Pursuing a degree in early childhood education, child development or birth-kindergarten education.
- Working 30 or more hours per week in a licensed child care program.

What does the TEACH Early Childhood® Working Scholars Scholarship provide?

- Associate Degree - \$625 capped scholarship award per semester. Scholarship award prorated if enrolled in less than 6 hours.
- Bachelor’s Degree - \$1,250 capped scholarship award per semester. Scholarship award prorated if enrolled in less than 6 hours.
- Compensation - \$350 bonus for successful completion every 12 credit hours supported by scholarship.

What is the recipient’s responsibility for a Working Scholars Scholarship?

- Complete coursework to earn an associate or bachelor’s degree in early childhood education or child development.
- Maintain good academic standing with college or university.
- Maintain 30 hours or more of employment at current facility for duration of scholarship.
- Notify the scholarship program of any changes to employment or enrollment.

What is the Working Scholars employment commitment?

Working Scholars must work six months in a licensed child care facility for each capped scholarship award accepted.

Which NC community colleges or 4-year universities are eligible to participate?

TEACH Early Childhood® Associate Degree Working Scholars

All North Carolina Community Colleges that offer the Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

TEACH Early Childhood® Bachelor’s Degree Working Scholars

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 happens if the Scholar cannot complete the service commitment?

The Scholar is expected to repay the full amount of the capped scholarship award and any bonuses issued if he/she does not fulfill the service commitment of the Working Scholars program.