

**What is the Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship for Early Childhood Apprentices?**

The Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship for Early Childhood Apprentices is specifically designed for early childhood apprentices working in licensed programs enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program in North Carolina. It is a partnership between the apprentice, employing center and TEACH Early Childhood® North Carolina. Registered early childhood apprenticeship programs are a strategy to help strengthen the pipeline into the early care and education workforce. Consideration may be made for employers not currently enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program. Eligible early childhood apprentices can take courses towards a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education or child development at a participating college or university.

**What does the Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship for Early Childhood Apprentices provide?**

In addition to counseling support, the Bachelor’s Degree for Early Childhood Apprentices Scholarship provides generous financial support for costs associated with tuition and fees, books, course access and release time and awards a bonus for increased education.

	Scholarship	Education	Compensation	Commitment
<b>Recipient</b>		Recipient completes 9-15 credit hours of coursework leading to a bachelor’s degree at a participating college/university.		Recipient will agree to work 1 year as apprentice in sponsoring center after the completion of 9-15 credit hours and award of bonus.
<b>Employer</b>	Provides 3 hours paid release time/week per semester		Issue \$100 bonus upon completion of contract	
<b>TEACH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% tuition</li> <li>• 100% books</li> <li>• Access stipend</li> <li>• Reimburse 100% of release time at \$15.00/hour</li> </ul>		Issue \$575 bonus upon completion of contract	

**Who is eligible to apply for the Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship for Early Childhood Apprentices scholarship?**

Early childhood apprentices working in licensed programs are eligible to apply for this scholarship if they:

- Are working at least 30 hours per week in a NC licensed child care facility as an early childhood apprentice.
- Have at least 55 hours of transferable credit toward a degree in early childhood education or child development.
- Are eligible for university admission as an in-state student at one of the participating college/universities.

**Which universities participate?**

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

**What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?**

A scholarship recipient must attend classes regularly, successfully complete 9-15 credit hours, submit grades to T.E.A.C.H. and engage with their scholarship counselor while participating on the scholarship program.

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

A scholarship recipient must be willing to remain with the employer for one year in exchange for receiving a monetary bonus.

**What are the benefits of a Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship for Early Childhood Apprentices to a sponsoring program?**

Sponsoring programs have no tuition expenses for the apprentice’s educational requirements and receive reimbursement for release time and a manageable compensation plan to help retain the apprentice.