

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Work at a DSS licensed/registered child care facility
 - ⇒ at least 15 hours per week for the School-Age Credential Scholarship
 - ⇒ at least 20 hours per week for the Early Childhood Credential Scholarship
 - ⇒ at least 30 hours for either the Associate or Bachelor Degree Scholarship
- Teachers need to earn equal to or less than \$14.45 per hour
- Directors, Owners or Family/Group Providers need to earn equal to or less than \$21.15 per hour

COST BREAKDOWN

CENTER TEACHER OR DIRECTOR (NON-OWNER)		
SCHOLARSHIP COSTS	Tuition & Books	Travel
T.E.A.C.H. Pays	80%	\$75.00 to the student
Center Pays	10%	—
Student Pays	10%	—
CENTER OWNER OR FAMILY/GROUP PROVIDER		
SCHOLARSHIP COSTS	Tuition & Books	Travel
T.E.A.C.H. Pays	80%	\$75.00 to
Student Pays	20%	—

RELEASE TIME ASSISTANCE

Release Time is a necessary part of the success of teachers and family/group providers participating in the T.E.A.C.H. Bachelor and Associate Degree program. It is paid time away from work for students to go to class, study or attend to personal errands. T.E.A.C.H. will reimburse the center or family/group provider 75% of the valid release time hours at the rate of \$10.00/hour (this equals \$7.50 per hour).

The T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® project, now in its second decade, is flourishing throughout the United States as more and more states recognize the benefits of a well-educated, well-compensated early childhood workforce. This national project is an effort to improve the quality of child care by focusing on scholarship, education, commitment and compensation.

T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® SOUTH CAROLINA provides scholarships for directors, teachers, and family/group providers working in child care to complete course work in early childhood education. In 2001, the Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) established the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Early Childhood® project to:

- reduce turnover rates,
- increase the education of child care providers,
- combat poor teacher compensation,
- and improve the quality of child care.

APPLYING TO T.E.A.C.H.

T.E.A.C.H. accepts applications on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to contact their local college/university to ensure that classes are available before applying. Completed applications will have attached a paystub or statement verifying income that confirms the number of hours worked per week and the hourly wage or salary. Associate and Bachelor Degree recipients will also include confirmation that they have applied for financial aid. Students can apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.gov.

Please contact us for an application or more information at:

SC Center for Child Care Career Development
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA
PO Box 5616
Greenville, SC 29606-5616
1-866-845-1555
www.sc-cccd.net

Center for Child Care Career Development

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®
SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM



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TEACHER EDUCATION AND COMPENSATION HELPS

CREENTIAL

Education

Class: Introduction to Early Childhood (ECD 101) or Best Practices in Youth and School-Age Care (SAC 101)

Colleges: Any of the 16 state technical/community colleges

DSS Training Hours: 20 hours

Compensation

Any student that successfully passes ECD 101 or SAC 101 with a "C" grade or higher can receive the *South Carolina Early Childhood or School-Age Credential*.

T.E.A.C.H. will also pay a bonus, to any student who is currently working in childcare, for the following:

Early Childhood Credential	School-Age Credential
\$200.00	\$100.00

Commitment

- * Remain employed at your sponsoring center during your contract dates
- * Continue employment in the field of child care for an additional year past the end of the contract date

ASSOCIATE

Education

Associate Degree: Any class that is included in a degree in Early Care and Education

Credentials Offered: Early Childhood, School-Age, Infant/Toddler, and Director

Certificates Offered: Child Care, Special Needs, Early Childhood Development, Child Care Management and ECD Diploma

Colleges: Any of the 16 state technical/community colleges

Compensation

Any scholarship recipient that successfully passes nine credit hours in a contract year is eligible for a bonus.

T.E.A.C.H. Pays	Center Pays
\$300.00 to the student	\$300.00 to the student or a 2% salary raise

T.E.A.C.H. will also pay a bonus, to any student who is currently working in childcare, for the following:

Infant/Toddler Credential	Director Credential
\$500.00*	\$300.00*

Commitment

- * Remain employed at your sponsoring center during your contract dates
- * Continue employment at your sponsoring child care center for an additional year past the end of the contract date

BACHELOR

Education

Bachelor Degree: Any class that is included in a degree in Early Childhood Education

Colleges/Universities: Call us or check our website for the updated list

Eligibility Requirements: 55 hours of transferable credit

Compensation

Any scholarship recipient that successfully passes nine credit hours in a contract year is eligible for a bonus.

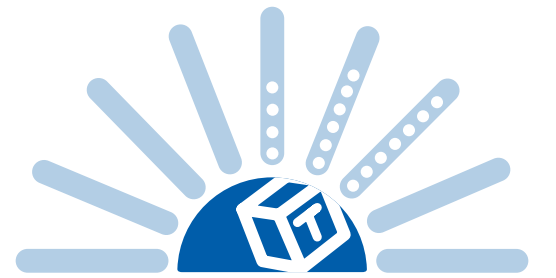
T.E.A.C.H. Pays	Center
\$600.00 to the student	Pays \$600.00 to the student or a 4% salary raise
Student Teaching/Internship Semester \$3000.00 stipend to the student	Does not pay for tuition for the semester

Commitment

- * Remain employed at your sponsoring center during your contract dates
 - ⇒ Student Teaching/Internship Semester—recipient must be employed at least 10 hours per week and center can claim up to 15 hours of release time
- * Continue employment at your sponsoring child care center for an additional year past the end of the contract date

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL

T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® SOUTH CAROLINA
CENTER FOR CHILD CARE CAREER DEVELOPMENT
P.O. BOX 5616
GREENVILLE, SC 29606-5616



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TEACHER EDUCATION AND COMPENSATION HELPS/EARLY CHILDHOOD® SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILD CARE TEACHERS

Improving the quality of child care in South Carolina by increasing the education, compensation and stability of the early childhood workforce.

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WHAT IS T.E.A.C.H.?

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project provides scholarships for teachers working in child care to complete course work in early childhood education and to increase their compensation. The Center for Child Care Career Development as a division of the Office of First Steps will administer the T.E.A.C.H. Project.

WHY IS T.E.A.C.H. NEEDED?

- To improve the quality of child care
- To reduce high turnover
- To increase education level and compensation

WHO PARTICIPATES?

Teachers, directors or family child care providers working in a state regulated child care setting are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicant must work a minimum number of hours per week in a state regulated child care program
- Applicant must have the sponsorship of their employer in a licensed child care program

WHO BENEFITS?

- Children are able to bond with a provider who:
 - has made a commitment to the field
 - is a specialist in early childhood education
 - understands child development and
 - is sensitive to the needs of very young children
- Employer benefits by the teacher's ability to provide a higher quality of care for children and families
- Taxpayers benefit by saving \$7 later for every \$1 spent on high quality programs for young children.

HOW IS T.E.A.C.H. FUNDED?

- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project, the participant and their sponsoring child care program each pay a portion of the cost
- Funding for T.E.A.C.H.'s portion of the cost comes from SCDSS

WHAT ARE THE KEY COMPONENTS?

- Scholarship
- Education
- Compensation
- Commitment

SCHOLARSHIP:

- The Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Project provides scholarships for child care teachers, who work full time
- Scholarships are available for South Carolina Early Childhood Credential (ECD 101), Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, or Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Recipient receives money to help with the costs of college tuition, books, and travel
- Recipient may receive paid release time from their job
- Scholarships are based on the partnership between the participant, the sponsoring child care program (employer), and the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project, all sharing in the cost

EDUCATION:

- Participants in the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential Scholarships Program commit to completing 3 college credit hours (ECD 101) of education during a semester
- Participants in the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program and participants in the Early Childhood Bachelor Degree Scholarship Program commit to completing between 9-15 semester hours of education during each annual contract period

COMMITMENT:

Participants make a commitment to remain in the sponsoring child care program or the field for at least a year beyond the contract.

COMPENSATION:

- Participants completing the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential receive a \$200 salary bonus
- Participants completing the 9-15 semester hours toward the Early Childhood Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree receive a salary increase through either a raise or bonus

PROJECT RESULTS:

- Increased Education for child care teachers
- Increased Compensation for child care teachers
- Reduced Turnover for child care program
- Higher Quality Care for Children

INFORMATION:

Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Organization or Center Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zipcode _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

e-mail _____

I would like the following information:

- Brochure
 - Scholarship Application
 - Bachelor Degree Fact Sheet
- by
- Mail
 - E-mail
 - Fax

Please mail or fax to:
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