



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Washington, DC

Teacher Education And Compensation Helps

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Washington DC?

- It is a program that provides comprehensive scholarships for early childhood center teachers, family providers, and directors to work toward earning an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field.
- It improves the quality of teaching as well as the overall quality of early care and education by increasing teachers' education, compensation and retention, and decreasing turnover.

2. Who is eligible for the scholarship?

In order to receive a scholarship, you must:

- Be an early childhood educator
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Work in a licensed center or child development home, Head Start or DC Pre-K Program
- Work a minimum of 25 hours per week
- Receive a participation agreement from your employer
- Work in Washington, D.C.

3. What does T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Washington DC provide?

- Between 90% and 95% of the cost of tuition and books
- \$600 in travel stipends per year
- 75% reimbursement for paid release time, which you use to attend classes or study
- A \$500 bonus (upon contract completion)

4. What does the sponsoring employer provide?

- 5% of the cost of tuition and books
- Paid release time of between 1-3 hours per week, for attending classes or studying
- A \$300 bonus or 2% raise

5. What does the scholarship recipient provide?

- 5% of the cost of tuition and books
- A commitment to remain at the sponsoring facility for one year upon contract completion



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How Do I Apply for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® DC?

Step #1: Get the “OK” from your Sponsoring Center Director (employees only)

Speak with your Center Director to help make sure s/he is ready to fully invest in TEACH! They need agree to pay 5% of your tuition and books, provide between 1-3 hours of release time to you each week to attend school or study, and award you a 2% raise or a \$300 bonus upon completion of each contract. In exchange, you agree to complete your classes successfully while maintaining your employment and commit to staying at your current place of employment for at least one year at the end of each contract.

Step #2: Apply to a College or University

In order to apply for a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship you have to apply to a T.E.A.C.H. partner institution of higher education – this list is available at <http://teach.nbcdi.org>. Determine which T.E.A.C.H. partner institution you want to attend and complete the appropriate application process. Once you are admitted, you will need to include your acceptance letter in your T.E.A.C.H. scholarship application.

Step #3: Apply for Financial Aid

You must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Attach a copy of your FAFSA confirmation letter (verifying completion of your FAFSA application) to your T.E.A.C.H. application. Receiving financial aid does not disqualify you from receiving a scholarship from T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Washington, D.C.

Step #4: Apply to T.E.A.C.H.

Once you have received an acceptance letter from a T.E.A.C.H. partner institution of higher education and completed your FAFSA, you will need to complete a T.E.A.C.H. application, which can be downloaded by visiting <http://teach.nbcdi.org>.

Step #5: Await Confirmation of Application Receipt

It takes approximately 4-6 weeks for us to process your application and make a determination of your eligibility. You can use the time to prepare and look into the courses that interest you. If you need assistance with choosing courses, please contact us and the ECE department’s academic advisor.

Step #6: Approval

Once all materials have been received, you will get an approval packet from a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship counselor. This approval packet will include details about your scholarship award and provide guidance on your next steps. Welcome to T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood DC!



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