

How to apply

- Download an application at pacca.org
- Call a T.E.A.C.H. counselor at (888) 296-1917 with any questions about the application process.
- Complete the application and mail, fax, or email to the address below.
- T.E.A.C.H. will confirm the receipt of your application via e-mail.
- You will then receive a letter regarding your application status in 6-8 weeks.

When should I apply?

Because T.E.A.C.H. has continuous enrollment, you may apply for a scholarship at any time, even if you are already taking classes. However, it is best to apply at least one semester in advance. Students should contact their college to apply for admission and schedule advising either before or while they are applying to T.E.A.C.H.

Participating Colleges and Universities?

For a list of participating colleges and universities, visit our website at pacca.org.

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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship for Child Care Staff and Family Child Care Providers

ASSOCIATE DEGREE
BACHELOR'S DEGREE
PREK-4 TEACHER CERTIFICATION
(LEVEL I & II)





What is T.E.A.C.H.?

T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA is an umbrella for several different scholarship programs to help child care professionals complete coursework toward a degree or credential in early childhood and increase their compensation.



Every T.E.A.C.H. scholarship has 5 key components:

Scholarship

The scholarship covers most of the cost for tuition and books. Recipients also receive a travel stipend each semester they are enrolled in class. T.E.A.C.H. requires that the sponsoring child care program offer paid release time for the student to attend class, study, or handle personal needs.

Education

In one scholarship year, each participant must successfully complete a required number of credit hours (usually 9-15) toward a degree in early childhood education.

Compensation

At the end of the scholarship year, if they complete their educational requirement, participants are eligible to receive either a stipend or a raise.

Commitment

Participants agree to continue working in their child care program for one year after each scholarship year.

Counseling

Each recipient is assigned a counselor able to assist the student in securing a scholarship, navigating the college processes, setting goals, and monitoring progress and needs.

How does the scholarship work?

T.E.A.C.H., the scholarship recipient and the sponsoring center (if applicant is employed by a child care center), each pay a portion of the recipient's educational costs.

Most scholarship models require recipients to successfully complete between 9-15 credit hours during a contract year toward a degree in Early Childhood Education and commit to work for one year after each scholarship year.

T.E.A.C.H. pays for a percentage of the cost of tuition and books, provides a travel stipend each semester, reimburses the center for a percentage of the release time given, and provide counseling and administrative support for the program.

Other considerations:

- Scholarship awards are dependent upon the availability of funds and priorities of funders;
- Other eligibility criteria may apply and are subject to change without notice.

Who benefits?

Children, child care professionals, and child care programs all benefit by having a teacher who is better educated, better prepared and more committed to their profession.

Eligible applicants must:

- work a minimum of 25-30 hours per week directly with children in a DHS-certified child care program;
- make \$19 or less an hour (\$25 or less per hour for directors);
- be interested in pursuing coursework at a participating college (at least 9 credit per year) toward a degree in early childhood education;
- Bachelor's degree applicants must meet additional eligibility criteria, which includes having at least 55 transferable credits towards a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements, please visit: pacca.org/teach.php

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