



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA Certification Only Scholarship



What is the Purpose of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Certification Only Scholarship?

The purpose of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Certification Only Scholarship is to assist early childhood teachers in obtaining their PA Early Childhood Education (PreK-4) teaching certificate. Teachers may use this scholarship to earn Level I OR Level II certification.

What does the Certification Only Scholarship cover?

- 80% of tuition and 75% of books costs associated with completing 12-18 credit hours per contract (coursework may be at the graduate or undergraduate level.)
- Reimbursement to sponsoring employer for 75% of weekly paid release time up to 6 hours per week at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.
- \$125 travel stipend per semester.
- \$300 completion stipend to recipient for completing contract.

Who is eligible to participate?

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be employed approximately 30 hours per week as a teacher in a DHS certified, Keystone STARS child care program
- Have a Bachelor's degree.
- Have no more the 45 credit hours remaining towards their PA teaching certification in ECE – students must submit a college/university approved education plan with the application.

What is the responsibility of the sponsoring employer?

The sponsoring program would agree to:

- Contribute 10% of tuition costs associated with completing 12-18 credit hours per contract.
- Provide employee with paid release time (up to 6 hours per week) each week while classes are in session.
- Provide a \$300 completion stipend to recipient for completing contract.

What is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient?

The scholarship recipient would agree to:

- Successfully complete 12-18 credit hours towards teacher certification during the contract year.
- Maintain the required GPA set forth by the college/university each semester.
- Remain employed with sponsoring child care program for 30 hours per week while completing 12-18 credit hours.
- Contribute 10% of tuition and 25% of book costs associated with completing 12-18 credit hours per contract.
- Remain employed with the sponsoring program for at least one year per completed contract.

Questions? Contact a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Counselor at (717) 657-9000.