

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® D.C.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. WHAT is the T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® D.C. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® DC program was developed to upgrade the level of education of teachers working with young children while making the educational process affordable, increasing wages of Early Childhood teachers and reducing turnover in the field.

2. WHAT DOES T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® D.C. PROVIDE?

T.E.A.C.H. provides the following:

- Scholarships that pay for most of the cost of tuition and books
- A travel stipend each semester.
- Paid release time so teachers can attend class or study.
- Increased compensation upon attainment of a prescribed number of college credits each year
- Counseling and administrative support to the recipient and the sponsoring child care center.

3 WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER WHO HAS A T.E.A.C.H. CANDIDATE?

Requirements are as follows:

- Contribute a portion of the cost of tuition and books.
- Give the participating recipients 3 hours of paid release time each week during the academic semester.
- Award the participant a bonus or raise upon completion of the yearly contract requirements.

4. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT?

Requirements are as followed:

- Attend classes and successfully complete required courses.
- Contribute a portion of the cost of tuition and books.
- Agree to remain in the sponsoring early childhood center or family child care home for a specific period of time following the completion of your contract.

5. WHO BENEFITS FROM THE T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

• Child care centers

Child care centers benefit by having staff members who are knowledgeable about early childhood best practices. Centers will experience reduced turnover which increases the quality of a center.

• Participants

Teachers and family providers increase their formal education as they attend classes and are better compensated through participation in the program. In turn, they experience professional growth and increased job satisfaction.

- **Children**

Children are the main beneficiaries of the T.E.A.C.H. program. Children benefit by having consistent caregivers with a commitment to the field. They benefit from caregivers who are keeping of with best practices in the field and who are sensitive to the needs of young children.

7. HOW AND WHEN DO WE AWARD COMPENSATION TO A T.E.A.C.H. RECIPIENT?

Compensation in the form of a raise or a bonus, is awarded to a TEACH recipient when he/she successfully completes a contract with TEACH Early Childhood® Washington, DC. Compensation will be awarded on an annual basis to scholarship recipients.

8. WHEN DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE CENTER/GROUP HOME BEGIN?

The Scholarship recipient's commitment to continue working at the sponsoring center/group home begins when the recipient receives compensation for their completed contract with T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WASHINGTON, DC.

9. DOES A RECIPIENT NEED TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD® WASHINGTON, DC?

A recipient must "successfully complete" each course as required by his/her early childhood degree program at the college he/she is attending. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WASHINGTON, DC encourages all participants to do their best.

10. CAN I BE A T.E.A.C.H. RECIPIENT IF MY CENTER/GROUP HOME WILL NOT SPONSOR ME?

At this point only teachers whose centers are willing to support their participation in T.E.A.C.H. can be a part of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Program. One of the requirements for this program is a partnership and commitment from all parties who benefit. Therefore, without center/group home owner sponsorship you would not be eligible. We would encourage you to have your program director/group home owner call the T.E.A.C.H. office so we can answer questions and concerns.

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