

# **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina**

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## **Early Educator Certification Scholarship Model**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina has expanded its current scholarship opportunities to include the Early Educator Certification (EEC) Scholarship! The EEC Scholarship is ideal for certified Early Educators who are working to complete their EEC renewal requirements.

### **What is the Early Educator Certification Scholarship?**

The Early Educator Certification Scholarship is a new T.E.A.C.H. scholarship option that allows certified Early Educators to take coursework needed to meet the renewal requirements for their certification. Typically, TEACH scholarships require 9 or more semester credit hours per contract year. The EEC Scholarship requires only 6 semester credit hours to receive compensation associated with the scholarship.

### **What does the EEC Scholarship provide?**

In addition to counseling support, the EEC scholarship provides financial support for costs associated with tuition and fees, books, travel, release time and a bonus. Refer to matrix on back. Coursework leading to a bachelor's degree may be taken at a 4 year institution if the individual has already earned her associate degree or its equivalent.

### **Who is eligible to apply for the EEC Scholarship?**

Teachers, assistant teachers, directors and family providers are eligible to apply for this scholarship if they

- are working at least 30 hours per week in a NC licensed child care facility;
- earn less than \$15 per hour

### **What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?**

A scholarship recipient must attend classes regularly, successfully complete 6 credit hours and submit grades to T.E.A.C.H. The EEC scholarship is only available to a recipient once per EEC renewal cycle.

### **What kind of employment commitment is the scholarship recipient required to make?**

A scholarship recipient must be willing to remain with the employer for 9 months in exchange for receiving a monetary bonus.

### **What are the benefits of an EEC Scholarship to a sponsoring program?**

Sponsoring programs have minimal cost, better educated teachers in the class and lower turnover rates.

### **Which community colleges or universities accept the EEC Scholarship?**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC scholarships are accepted at each of North Carolina's 58 community colleges statewide. Please call the T.E.A.C.H. office for a list of universities that accept this scholarship.

To receive more information or to request an application, contact:

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project

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# T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Early Educator Certification (EEC) Scholarship

## Scholarship Matrix

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® EEC Scholarship	Sponsoring Center	T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipient
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### SCHOLARSHIP

80% Tuition 90% Books Pays \$65 Travel Stipend Reimburses half of release time @ \$8.50/hr	10% Tuition Provides 3 hours paid release time/week per semester	10% Tuition 10% Books Receives 3 hours of paid release time weekly per semester Receives \$65 travel stipend
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### EDUCATION

Recipient completes 6 credit hours of coursework to maintain certification by attending a  
N.C. Community College or University.

### COMPENSATION

Awards \$250 Bonus	Awards \$100 Bonus	Receives \$350 Bonus
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### COMMITMENT

Recipient will agree to work 9 months in sponsoring center  
at completion of 6 credit hours and award of bonus