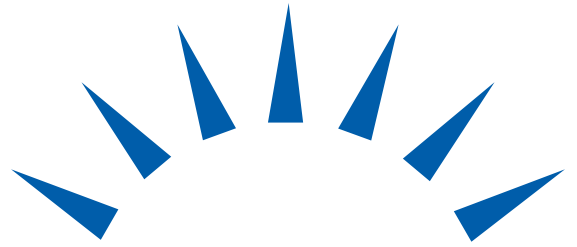


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TEACHER EDUCATION AND COMPENSATION HELPS/EARLY CHILDHOOD® SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILD CARE TEACHERS

Improving the quality of child care in South Carolina by increasing the education, compensation and stability of the early childhood workforce.

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WHAT IS T.E.A.C.H.?

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project provides scholarships for teachers working in child care to complete course work in early childhood education and to increase their compensation. The Center for Child Care Career Development as a division of the Office of First Steps will administer the T.E.A.C.H. Project.

WHY IS T.E.A.C.H. NEEDED?

- To improve the quality of child care
- To reduce high turnover
- To increase education level and compensation

WHO PARTICIPATES?

Teachers, directors or family child care providers working in a state regulated child care setting are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicant must work a minimum number of hours per week in a state regulated child care program
- Applicant must have the sponsorship of their employer in a licensed child care program

WHO BENEFITS?

- Children are able to bond with a provider who:
 - has made a commitment to the field
 - is a specialist in early childhood education
 - understands child development and
 - is sensitive to the needs of very young children
- Employer benefits by the teacher's ability to provide a higher quality of care for children and families
- Taxpayers benefit by saving \$7 later for every \$1 spent on high quality programs for young children.

HOW IS T.E.A.C.H. FUNDED?

- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project, the participant and their sponsoring child care program each pay a portion of the cost
- Funding for T.E.A.C.H.'s portion of the cost comes from SCDSS

WHAT ARE THE KEY COMPONENTS?

- Scholarship
- Compensation
- Education
- Commitment

SCHOLARSHIP:

- The Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Project provides scholarships for child care teachers, who work full time
- Scholarships are available for South Carolina Early Childhood Credential (ECD 101), Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, or Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Recipient receives money to help with the costs of college tuition, books, and travel
- Recipient may receive paid release time from their job
- Scholarships are based on the partnership between the participant, the sponsoring child care program (employer), and the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project, all sharing in the cost

EDUCATION:

- Participants in the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential Scholarships Program commit to completing 3 college credit hours (ECD 101) of education during a semester
- Participants in the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program and participants in the Early Childhood Bachelor Degree Scholarship Program commit to completing between 9-15 semester hours of education during each annual contract period

COMMITMENT:

Participants make a commitment to remain in the sponsoring child care program or the field for at least a year beyond the contract.

COMPENSATION:

- Participants completing the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential receive a \$200 salary bonus
- Participants completing the 9-15 semester hours toward the Early Childhood Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree receive a salary increase through either a raise or bonus

PROJECT RESULTS:

- Increased Education for child care teachers
- Increased Compensation for child care teachers
- Reduced Turnover for child care program
- Higher Quality Care for Children

INFORMATION:

To receive additional information and scholarship applications, please complete this form.

Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Organization or Center Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zipcode _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Please mail or fax to:
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Applications

S.C. Early Childhood Credential Scholarship Program

- Child Care Center Teacher
- Child Care Center Director
- Family/Group Provider

Child Care Associate Degree Scholarship Program

- Child Care Center Teacher
- Child Care Center Director
- Family/Group Provider

Child Care Bachelor Degree Scholarship Program

- Child Care Center Teacher
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