

## How to apply

- Download an application at [pacca.org](http://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 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](http://pacca.org).



## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship For Child Care Center Staff & Family Child Care Providers

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential  
Associate's Degree  
Bachelor's Degree

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA  
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## 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 course work toward a degree or credential in early childhood education and increase their compensation.

## How does the scholarship work?

T.E.A.C.H., the scholarship recipient and 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 9-15 credit hours during a contract year towards a degree or credential in Early Childhood Education and commit to working in their child care program for one year after each scholarship year.

Centers must agree to sponsor a scholarship recipient by contributing a percentage of costs, providing staff paid release time each week and agreeing to award the recipient a raise or stipend at the end of the 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 release time given, and provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

## 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:

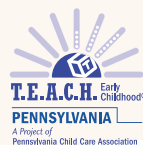
- work a minimum of 25-30 hours per week directly with children in a DHS-certified child care program participating in Keystone STARS
- make \$19 or less an hour (\$25 or less per hour for directors)
- be interested in pursuing coursework at a participating college (at least 9 credits per year) toward a degree or credential 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](http://pacca.org/teach)

## Other Considerations:

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

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA is a licensed program of Child Care Services Association.



## Every T.E.A.C.H. scholarship has **4** 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. Participants are assigned a counselor to assist them in scholarship management and career development.

**EDUCATION** In one scholarship year, each participant must successfully complete a required number of credit hours (usually 9-15) toward a degree or credential 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.

## Interested? More details on the back.



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