


Pennsylvania Child Care Association

What's New at T.E.A.C.H. for ECE Professionals 2017-2018




T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA
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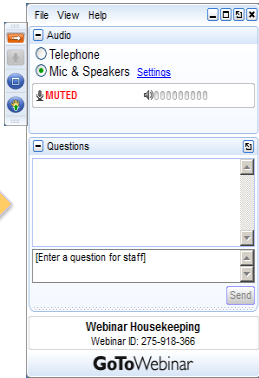



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Our Agenda

- Share Updates
- Discuss Logistics and Requirements
- Answer Questions
- Dispel Myths
- Identify Next Steps
- Provide Resources
- Other?





T.E.A.C.H. Updates

- **Nationally:** Operating in 24 States & DC
- **PA Lead Agency:** Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA)
- **Current Funding:** State and/or Federal
- **FY 17-18 Budget:** Almost \$2.8 million
- **Anticipated # of Slots FY 17-18:** 1,000 +/-
- **Staffing:** Counselors & T.E.A.C.H. Director



Scholarship Types for 17-18

T.E.A.C.H. provides a variety of scholarships:

- CDA Comprehensive (*credit bearing coursework only*)
- CDA Assessment/Application
- Associate’s Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Teacher Certification Only (*level I & II*)
- **NEW!** Director’s Credential (*BA & MA level*)
- **NEW!** Student Teaching/Practicum Only

A variety of scholarship models are available to meet applicant/employer needs. Release time & compensation vary by model; details found on scholarship applications.



Benefits

- Additional financial supports beyond tuition
- Counselors to help you navigate the scholarship program & higher education system
- Debt Free Education
- Increased knowledge, skills & confidence
- Increased professional status/earnings and job satisfaction

“T.E.A.C.H. gave me far more than the opportunity to earn a college education... it gave me self esteem, self worth and self respect; the same primary goals of early childhood education. Thank you!”

~ Previous T.E.A.C.H. Recipient



Scholarship Components

- Scholarship
- Education
- Compensation
- Commitment





Scholarship Requirements

Recipient Agrees to:


- Successfully complete 9-15 semester hours each scholarship year toward an approved degree or credential in Early Childhood Education,
- Pay a portion of the tuition and books each semester,
- Remain at sponsoring center (or continue to operate family child care home) for a commitment period.

Center Agrees to:

- Sponsor employee by contributing the percentages of costs,
- Give paid release time each week to recipient,
- Award either a stipend or raise to recipient upon successful completion of the scholarship year.

PACCA Agrees to:

- Provide counseling & administrative support for all partners,
- Pay a percentage of tuition and other expenses,
- Maintain accurate financial and program records to ensure the integrity of the program.



Recipient Contract Obligations

Participation


- Contracts are one year/12 months; begins when you start classes
- May stop after each year or continue
- Attend class regularly and successfully complete courses
- Commit to employment for one year after each contract

Required Financial Components

- Tuition (**5-10%** each semester) **NEW!**
- Books (20-25% each semester)
- One time Fees


Paperwork

- Four forms
- Pre-Authorization Form (**NEW!**) & Form B each semester




Sample Scholarship Model Ctr

Center Model	T.E.A.C.H.	Recipient	Center
Tuition	90%	5%	5%
Books	75%	25%	
Travel	\$125		
Release Time	50 - 75%		25-50%
Compensation* <i>Dependent upon model selected</i>	\$0 OR \$300 stipend		4% raise or \$600 bonus OR \$300 stipend
Commitment		One additional year of employment	



Sample Model for FCC

Family Provider Model	T.E.A.C.H.	Recipient
Tuition	95%	5%
Books	80%	20%
Travel	\$125	
Release Time	100%	
Compensation	\$300 Stipend	
Commitment		Operate 1 additional year



T.E.A.C.H. Release Time

What is it?


- Paid time off for students to juggle college, life, work & family
- Used to attend class, study or handle personal needs
- PACCA provides reimbursement for hours provided
- Many directors indicate it's difficult to provide, BUT most directors indicate it's essential to the recipient's success

How do I get it?

- Meet with your director in advance of registering for courses
- Balance day-time classes with evening and weekend classes
- Request release time hours weekly or in larger blocks

What am I required to do?


- Work with your director to determine release time schedule
- Be creative
- Use the time to your advantage
- Sign release time claim forms



Who is eligible to participate?


Any child care professional that is...

- **NEW!** currently employed at a DHS certified, STARS child care program, **Head Start or PreK Counts Program**,
- working approximately 25 – 30 hours or more per week (on average),
- earning less than \$19 per hour (\$25 for Directors),
- interested in pursuing a T.E.A.C.H. approved degree or credential in ECE or equivalent,
- committed to remaining in the Early Childhood Education field.




Additional Eligibility Info

- BA applicants must have already earned an Associate's degree in ECE or have at least 55 transferable credits toward a Bachelor's degree in ECE, be eligible for admission as an in state student and have worked in child care in PA for at least one year.
- Scholarship awards are dependent upon funding availability of funds and priority of funders
- Other eligibility criteria may apply and are subject to change without notice.



Higher Education Institutions

- **NEW** Higher Ed Partners
 - **Drexel University:** on-line Bachelor's degree in ECE with Teacher Certification and on-line Graduate Coursework for Level II Certification,
 - **Neumann University:** CDA Credential, Bachelor's degree, Director's Credential and Teacher Certification
 - **Saint Francis University:** on-line Associate's degree in ECE and on-line Bachelor's degree in ECE (certification and non-certification options available),
 - **University of Penn/Penn Literacy Network:** credit bearing CDA curriculum and some ECE courses eligible for transfer to degree programs at other higher education institutions,
 - **Wilkes University:** Bachelor's degree in ECE with Teacher Certification
- List of partnering higher education institutions & current status on PACCA's website at www.pacca.org
- PACCA website also includes higher ed directory of college/university profiles



Getting Started

Identify Goals & Research Higher Ed Options


- Refer to list of partnering institutions & On-line Directory
- Contact a College Advisor
- Develop a timeline

Complete College Admissions Process

- Apply to the college or university
- Meet with an Advisor
- Schedule placement testing

Submit Your T.E.A.C.H. Application

- Download applications and brochures at www.pacca.org
- Meet with your director
- Requires employer approval




T.E.A.C.H. Application Process

Apply Today!

- Scholarship funding is available for current & upcoming semesters
- Complete and submit T.E.A.C.H. application to PACCA
- Applicants will receive an e-mail confirmation upon PACCA's receipt of the application
- If eligible, applicant will be contacted by a Counselor for phone interview
- Applicants & employers will be notified by mail of status
- Contact a T.E.A.C.H. Counselor with any questions

NEW! Effective July 1, 2017, all applicants eligible for T.E.A.C.H. must use that option. Only applicants who do not meet T.E.A.C.H. eligibility criteria will be considered for Rising STARS Tuition Assistance.




Recommendations

Applications

- Submit your application at least 6 weeks prior to when your intended semester begins
- Complete the application **entirely**
- Include income verification & other required documentation
- Designate if you are already enrolled in courses and/or a degree program
- Respond to Counselor contacts ASAP


For More Information

- Visit PACCA's website at www.pacca.org
- Contact a Scholarship Counselor with questions
- Suggest that employers contact us as well



How Can We Help?

- Questions
- Concerns
- Comments
- Suggestions
- Opportunities





Contact Us....

Contact a T.E.A.C.H. Counselor by phone or e-mail.

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