

## TEACH Early Childhood® Pennsylvania First Step/Last Step Scholarship Model



### What is the First Step/Last Step Scholarship?

The First Step/Last Step Scholarship is ideal for anyone who wants to take one to two courses or needs just a few credits to obtain a degree or teacher certification in early childhood education. This TEACH scholarship option allows recipients to take 3-6 credits; up to 9 credits for a Certification Only (CO) scholarship at a participating college/university.

### Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any ECE teacher or program director who would like to attend a participating college/university to earn an approved degree or teacher certification in Early Childhood Education and who meets the current TEACH eligibility criteria. See PACCA's website for eligibility criteria and a list of participating colleges/universities.

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

A scholarship recipient must attend classes regularly, successfully complete 3- 6 credit hours or up to 9 credits for a CO scholarship and submit grades to TEACH. The First Step/Last Step scholarship is only available to a recipient one time during the individual's pursuit of their degree, certificate or teacher certification.

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

Scholarship recipients must remain with their sponsoring employer for 9 months after completion of the contract in exchange for receiving a stipend.

### What are the benefits of a First Step/Last Step Scholarship to a sponsoring program?

Sponsoring programs have reduced tuition and compensation expenses.

### What support and commitments can be expected with a TEACH scholarship?

Component	Recipient	Employer	TEACH
Education	Complete 3-6 credits (9 credits for a CO scholarship)		
Tuition/Fees	Pay 5%	Pay 5%	Pay 90%
Books	Contribute 25%		Reimburse 75%
Travel			\$125 per semester
Release Time (RT)	Receives 45 hrs of paid RT per course	25% towards the cost of sub coverage	75% reimbursement of RT hrs at \$15/hr
Compensation		Issue \$100 stipend	Issue \$300 Stipend
Commitment	9 months employment to employer		

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