

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® PA Student Teaching Only Scholarship

What is the Purpose of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Student Teaching Only Scholarship?

The purpose of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Student Teaching Only Scholarship is to assist teachers in completing their student teaching experience and obtaining a bachelor's degree and/or PA teacher certification in Early Childhood Education (ECE.)

What does the Student Teaching Only Scholarship provide?

- \$3,000 stipend to assist with expenses and/or lost wages.
- Reimbursement to the program for 15 hours per week of substitute coverage (max of 240 hours) at a rate of \$10.00 per hour during the student teaching semester(s.)

Who is eligible to participate?

To be eligible for a scholarship applicants must:

- **Be a current T.E.A.C.H. Bachelor's Degree or Certification Only scholarship recipient.**
- Be employed for a minimum of 150 hours during the student teaching semester(s) in a DHS certified, Head Start or PA PreK Counts Program that participates in Keystone STARS.
- Be enrolled as an in-state student in a student teaching assignment that meets PA Department of Education (PDE) requirements for teacher certification. The credit requirements can be completed in one or two semesters.
- Have worked in child care in Pennsylvania for at least one year.

What is the responsibility of the sponsoring child care program?

The sponsoring program agrees to:

- Complete and return claim forms for reimbursement of substitute coverage during the student teaching semester(s) by the 15th of each month, or by the end of the semester.
- Notify PACCA within 10 days of any changes in the scholarship recipient's employment status.
- Provide PACCA with demographic information about the center to satisfy reporting requirements to granting agencies.
- Submit all term claims within 30 days after the close of each semester.

What is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient?

The scholarship recipient would agree to:

- Continue enrollment with the Bachelor's Degree and/or Certification Program at the college/university in which you are enrolled.
- Attend field placement regularly and successfully complete the requirements set forth by the college/university.
- Remain employed at sponsoring program for a minimum of 10 hours per week or 150 hours during the student teaching semester(s.)
- Remain employed in the sponsoring program for one year per completed contract and in the early childhood field for an additional year.
- Submit a grade report to PACCA upon completion of the student teaching semester(s).
- Provide employment verification to PACCA upon graduation.
- Notify PACCA of additional sources of financial aid.
- Submit all reimbursement claims within 30 days after the close of each semester.

To request a Student Teaching Only Application, contact your T.E.A.C.H. Counselor or e-mail teachinfo@pacca.org.