



## **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® OHIO College Credit Scholarship Application For Part Day Programs**

There are three partners in this scholarship process: T.E.A.C.H. OHIO (organization offering the scholarships, the scholar (professional taking classes), and the sponsor (child care program where scholar is employed). Each partner provides benefits to each other.

T.E.A.C.H. provides the following benefits to sponsors and scholars:

- Pays for 80% of tuition and fees;
- Pays for 80% of book cost;
- \$180 per contract for travel or internet;
- \$100 bonus at the end of the contract when 9-18 credits are successfully completed.

The sponsor provides the following benefits to the scholar (some scholarship models vary):

- 10% of tuition;
- Pays 10% of scholar book cost;
- \$100 bonus at the end of the contract when 9 credits are successfully completed OR Pay 20% of tuition (T.E.A.C.H. OHIO will provide additional \$100 bonus to scholar)

The Scholar provides the following benefits to the sponsor:

- Commitment to work for at least 12 months at the sponsoring program following the end of the scholarship contract

Additional benefits include:

- Higher quality teaching in the child care classroom. Scholars benefit every day they are in college classes and bring that knowledge back with them to the classroom.
- Retention of scholars averages 94%. Typical retention for child care workers is 60-70%. This means the costs of replacing employees is lower for sponsors participating with T.E.A.C.H.
- Higher retention also means improved continuity of care, the quality of the bond between teacher and child is critical to quality outcomes for children, and early brain development.

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