



How does a college work with T.E.A.C.H.?

Does the college need a “brick and mortar” campus in Ohio? Yes, T.E.A.C.H. Ohio only works with colleges and universities located in Ohio. Completely online programs need to be affiliated with a campus within Ohio.

What degree must be offered? T.E.A.C.H. only supports the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree related to Child Development or Early Childhood Education. This degree must lead to Pre-K licensure. The Ohio Pre-K teaching license is for teaching children age 0 to 5. This is NOT the age 3 to grade 3 teaching license. We do not support the Associate of Arts (AA) degree that leads to the age 3 to grade 3 license. The Ohio Board of Regents determines which degrees lead to the Pre-K license. Please contact them for more information about what requirements the degree at your college must meet to lead to the Pre-K license.

Why do we only support the AAS degree? We feel the AAS degree provides the most Early Childhood Education content. It provides content the teachers can use the very next day in their classrooms. The AAS is a “terminal” degree, meaning it is not solely intended as a preparatory degree leading to Bachelor of Arts degree. AA degrees do not include as much Early Childhood content, since they are intended to prepare students to go on for their Bachelor of Arts degree. We want our student to have as much Early Childhood content as possible, as soon as they are ready for it and not to have to wait until (and if) they go on for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Even with an AAS degree, students may choose (on their own, T.E.A.C.H. cannot pay for it) to go on for a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development. Many schools offer this degree, and it may (depending on the college) articulate fully with the AAS degree.

What information can colleges and T.E.A.C.H. share about scholars? All T.E.A.C.H. applicants sign a release authorizing an exchange of information between their selected college and T.E.A.C.H. Ohio as part of the scholarship application process. T.E.A.C.H. Ohio scholarship counselors can request information related to financial aid and grades. The authorization forms are updated every year when scholars renew their contracts with T.E.A.C.H. Ohio.

How does payment from T.E.A.C.H. work? A MOU (memorandum of understanding) is signed by the college and T.E.A.C.H. that details this billing arrangement. A list of approved scholars (and in most cases classes) will be communicated to the college (usually the billing office) each term. The college will then bill T.E.A.C.H. for the tuition of the approved scholars. T.E.A.C.H. will only pay for the scholars (and classes) originally cited in the list sent to the college. T.E.A.C.H. is typically referred to as a third party vendor. T.E.A.C.H. funding is the last applied to a student's account, before loans. PELL funds must be applied to a student's tuition, before T.E.A.C.H. funding. Loans are only applied to the student's account for classes that T.E.A.C.H. will not pay for, or too cover fees that T.E.A.C.H. will not pay for, such as late fees or parking (if the student does not have sufficient PELL to cover these costs).