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Early Childhood Associate
Degree Scholarship Program for
Family Child Care Educators





What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® New Hampshire (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Associate Degree Scholarship Program?

This scholarship program for family child care educators offers scholarship funds to take courses toward an associate degree in Early Childhood Education at a local college. It is a partnership between the family child care educator and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH that enables educators to improve their skills, receive a financial reward and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Any New Hampshire licensed family child care educator is eligible. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field, as shown through information provided on the application.

What kind of support does the scholarship program provide?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH pays:

- 95% of the cost of tuition
- 75% of the cost of books
- Travel & access stipend of \$100 each semester
- \$15/hour to the center for release time given
- \$300 bonus

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH also provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

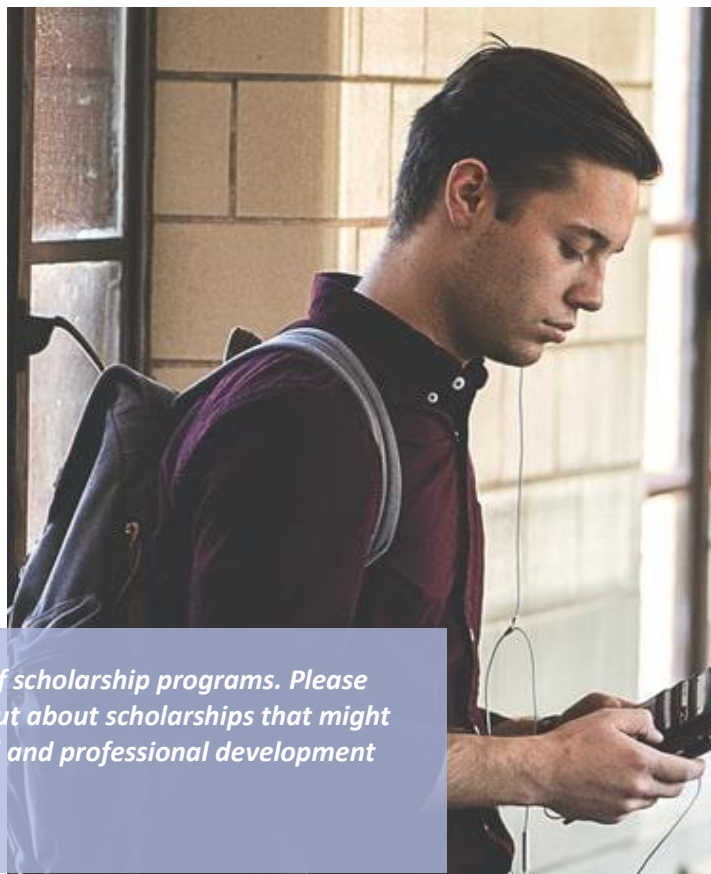
What kind of commitment are family child care educators required to make?

As scholarship recipients, educators must:

- Complete 9-12 credits
- Contribute 5% of tuition costs
- Contribute 25% of book costs
- Commit to continue to operate the family child care home for one year after completing the contract

What kind of financial reward does the family child care educator receive?

The educator is awarded a \$300 bonus upon completion of the required 9-12 semester hours of coursework within the contract year.



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH has a variety of scholarship programs. Please contact T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH to find out about scholarships that might be available to help you meet your educational and professional development goals.

Early Childhood Education and the Community College

What will I learn by taking early childhood education courses at a community college?

There are many different courses a student can take. They include courses on child development, educational materials and activities, children's art, working with parents, nutrition, teaching children with special needs and child care administration.

Am I qualified to be a student at a community college?

A high school diploma or equivalent is all you need. There are no special entrance requirements.

How do I enroll in a community college?

Contact the Early Childhood Education Coordinator at the college. You can reach him/her by calling the main number at the college.

When do classes start/meet?

Classes are offered on a semester-basis and each semester lasts approximately 16 weeks. Although each college has different starting dates, generally the semesters begin in January, June and August. Most colleges offer classes online or during the day, evenings and on weekends.