

TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa

A scholarship program for the
early care and education workforce.



A Program of Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children



You may be eligible if...

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You're working toward an early childhood degree, credential, endorsement, or additional WAGE\$ credits (or you would like to be).

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You're working with children birth to preschool-age in your current program (for at least three months).

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You're working in a regulated preschool, child care center, or home program at least 30 hours per week (part-day models available for those working at least 20 hours).

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Your employer supports you!

Application



TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa is a licensed program of Early Years.

FAQ Videos



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Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT DOES TEACH SUPPORT?

Currently, available funds are supporting those pursuing associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, endorsements in early childhood education, teaching license renewals, CDA® Credentials, and credits towards WAGE\$.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any early care and education provider who works in a regulated home, preschool, or child care center at least 30 hours each week (part-day models available for those working at least 20 hours) and has been working at their current location for at least three months (or six months for bachelor's applicants).

WHERE CAN I GO TO COLLEGE?

You can attend any regionally accredited college in Iowa, in-person or online, that has an early education program. Only courses required in the degree programs will be approved/supported by the scholarship (including general education requirements such as English, math, etc.). Fully online degree paths are available for CDA® Credentials, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees.

WHAT WILL TEACH PAY FOR?

TEACH scholarship contracts are for one year each, supporting tuition for up to 15-20 credits, books, release time (paid time away from work to balance school, work, and family responsibilities), travel costs, and an annual bonus or raise. At the same time, the student and the employing program support a percentage of this investment, which varies depending on the scholarship model.

WHAT IS THE SPONSORING PROGRAM RESPONSIBLE FOR?

The sponsoring program is expected to contribute a portion of tuition and book costs, to provide teachers with paid release time (which is reimbursed by TEACH at a rate of \$15/hour), and to award the teacher either a raise or bonus at the end of each one-year TEACH contract (depending on the scholarship model).

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Our TEACH Counselors are here to answer any and all questions you may have! You can send us an email at teach@iowaaeyc.org, give us a call at 515.331.8000, or check out our website at iowaaeyc.org/programs/teach.