



BACHELOR OF ARTS/SCIENCE DEGREE Checklist

A completed application packet will include all of the following documents:

- Completed T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] SOUTH CAROLINA application
- Appropriate documentation verifying rate of pay and hours worked per week
- Documentation that you have applied for Financial aid (FAFSA). Students can apply online at www.fafsa.gov.
- Admission letter from the participating university or college
- Transcript evaluation from bachelor degree college/university indicating the number of transfer credits they are accepting
- Associate degree transcript or transcript verifying successful completion of at least 55 hours of transferable credit

**Send or fax the T.E.A.C.H. application and
all the above required documents together to:**

Address:
T.E.A.C.H.
PO Box 5616
Greenville, SC 29606-5616

Fax Number:
864-250-8680

Questions about T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Bachelor Degree Scholarship:

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What is T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA provides scholarships for directors, teachers, and family/group providers working in child care to complete course work in early childhood education and provide salary bonuses or raises to increase retention, education, compensation, and commitment. Interested child care providers must be living and working in South Carolina.

Who is eligible to receive the Bachelor Degree Scholarship?

- Work in a DSS licensed or registered program
- Work at least 30 hours per week
- Teachers need to earn equal to or less than \$14.45 per hour
- Directors, Owners or Family/Group Providers need to earn equal to or less than \$21.15 per hour

What do I have to do to participate in T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA?

In order to participate, interested child care professionals must:

- complete a T.E.A.C.H. application
- provide verification of current employment in a child care program
- and submit documentation demonstrating the completion of an Associate Degree in Early Care and Education.

Applicants must provide a copy of their admission letter from the participating university and a transcript evaluation that indicates the number of transfer credits the university is accepting. Applicants are also required to apply for Financial Aid www.fafsa.gov and submit a copy of the award decision to T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA.

Where can I earn my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Care and Education?

Currently T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA will pay for students to attend several four year institutions. Please contact T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA for a current list of participating colleges and universities.

Do I have to take the PRAXIS I to be admitted to the participating university?

No. However, you will not be accepted into the Early Childhood Teacher Certification tract until you have successfully passed the PRAXIS I exam (if applicable) or ACT (www.ets.org).

What is my commitment during the semester I must complete my student teaching requirement?

In order to participate during the semester of student teaching, the child care professional must remain employed for 10 hours per week at their sponsoring center. The sponsoring center may submit release time forms claiming up to 15 hours per week. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® SOUTH CAROLINA will compensate the child care professional with a stipend of \$3,000 (\$750 for 4 months) for that semester.

If I work in a child care center, what is the center's responsibility?

A child care center must:

- agree to provide verification of an applicant's employment status and proof of wages,
- pay 10% of tuition and books,
- agree to participate in release time,
- and provide a salary raise or bonus after successful completion of each contract.

What happens if I leave my sponsoring center?

A child care professional that leaves their sponsoring center will be required to reimburse the South Carolina Center for Child Care Career Development and the sponsoring center for the total cost of tuition and books.

What is my commitment to my sponsoring center when I graduate?

The child care professional must agree to make the commitment to remain with the same employer for six months after successfully completing all requirements to earn the Bachelor of Arts/Science Degree in Early Care and Education.

Do I have to pay taxes on the bonuses and reimbursements I receive?

The bonus awards are taxable income. Participants will receive an IRS-1099 form at the end of the year if they received \$600 or more from the South Carolina Center for Child Care Career Development during the calendar year. Recipients are responsible for reporting and paying any personal income taxes that are due.