

A top-down photograph of a young child with brown hair, wearing a white patterned long-sleeved shirt, sitting on a light-colored wooden floor. The child is surrounded by various wooden toys, including colorful blocks (green, blue, yellow, orange, red, tan) and a wooden archer toy. The child's hands are positioned over a row of blocks that form a small arch.

FAMILY SUPPORT

*A Program of Iowa Association for the
Education of Young Children*

T.E.A.C.H. IOWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A partnership between Iowa AEYC
and Iowa Department Health and Human Services -MIECHV

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What is Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.)?

EDUCATION	T.E.A.C.H. helps participants to earn a required number of college credit hours for a role-related degree or credential.
SCHOLARSHIP	T.E.A.C.H. offers financial support to pay for college courses, books and travel.
COMPENSATION	T.E.A.C.H. participants earn a bonus after successful completion of a year of education.
COMMITMENT	T.E.A.C.H. participants agree to continue service as a family support professional in their current program.
COUNSELOR	Counselors offer support to navigate the college process and T.E.A.C.H. paperwork.

T.E.A.C.H. and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services are a public-private partnership that implements a scholarship program for family support workers. T.E.A.C.H. will provide comprehensive scholarships to family support professionals who are willing to obtain college credits toward a higher education degree, relevant to their work in family support.

T.E.A.C.H. INFORMATION

What will T.E.A.C.H. pay for?

T.E.A.C.H. scholarship contracts are for one year each, supporting tuition for 9-24 college credits per year, books, travel costs, contract sign-on and completion bonus. The individual attending school (or their Pell grant) and/or the employing program supports a percentage of this investment.

Where can you go to college?

To earn an AA or BA, a participant can use T.E.A.C.H. to attend any community college or four-year college/university in Iowa.

What are the scholarship options?

The answer to this question depends on your end goal (associate degree, certificate, etc.), and your current job. There are scholarship options for certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees. This information can also be found in the T.E.A.C.H. application.



T.E.A.C.H. INFORMATION

To be eligible, you must:

- Be employed at least 30 hours/week with a minimum of 20 hours/week in a direct family support or supervisory role for at least 90 days.
- Be employed at an Iowa-based family support program that is receiving state or federal funds. Eligible programs include home visiting and group-based parent education programs.
- Plan to obtain college credits towards an approved degree at an Iowa-based college. Must have completed at least 60 college credits or obtain a waiver from T.E.A.C.H. to start at a four-year institution.

ARE YOU...



Working toward a role-related degree, credential or endorsement at an Iowa college (or you would like to be?)



Working in an Iowa-based family support home visiting and/or group-based parent education program that is receiving state or federal funds?



Do you have the support of your employer and are you willing to make a commitment to stay with your employer for at least one year past the end of your one-year (3 semester) contract?

SPONSORING PROGRAMS FAQs

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MY PROGRAM?

Supporting programs are expected to pay 20% of all tuition and books. Programs will receive a completion bonus to offset these costs at the end of every successfully completed contract.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MY EMPLOYEE(S)?

- Attend classes and successfully complete at least 9 credit hours during the T.E.A.C.H. contract year.
- Continue employment at your program for an additional year, upon completion of the contract year.
- Contribute 10% of tuition and book costs for each course. Some family support staff are eligible for a federal Pell grant, which may cover this 10% and the agency's portion. (The family support professional is responsible for paying the difference to their college if its tuition is above the public 4-year schools rate.)

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Costs vary depending on how much financial aid an employee receives, how many courses they take, book costs and which model is chosen. T.E.A.C.H. Counselors are able to provide you with an estimate tailored to your program.

WHAT ARE THE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS?

- Reimburse the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (Iowa AEYC) when billed for your portion of tuition and books.
- Provide Iowa AEYC demographic information about the program.
- Notify Iowa AEYC with changes in participant's employment status.

PROGRAMS & DEGREE OPTIONS

POSSIBLE DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS:

- Associate Degree— in role-appropriate degree*
- Bachelor's Degree— in role-appropriate degree*
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate at Iowa State University

** Role-appropriate degrees may include, but are not limited to, Child/Family Services, Family Studies, Health/Human Services, Nursing and Social Work.*



FAMILY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

	T.E.A.C.H.	PROGRAM	FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER
Scholarship	Tuition: 70% Books: 70% Travel/Internet: \$100 per semester	Tuition: 20% Books: 20%	Tuition: 10% Books: 10%
Education	T.E.A.C.H. will only cover tuition costs up to the rate per credit charged by Iowa's public universities. Fees will need to be covered by recipient.	Provide flexibility in scheduling for courses, if needed. Provide support and regular communication related to grades and course progress.	9 – 24 credits at a community college or 4 year college/ university
Compensation (Bonuses will only be issued upon successful completion of the contract.)	Associate's Degree T.E.A.C.H. pays \$800 to Family Support Worker T.E.A.C.H. pays \$500 to program	Receives \$500.00 from T.E.A.C.H.	Receives \$800 from T.E.A.C.H.
	Bachelor's T.E.A.C.H. pays \$1000 to Family Support Worker T.E.A.C.H. pays \$1000 to program	Receives \$1000.00 from T.E.A.C.H.	Receives \$1000 from T.E.A.C.H.
Commitment			1-year commitment to current program

APPLY NOW



APPLICATION

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