



### **What is T.E.A.C.H.?**

**Teacher Education And Compensation Helps.** T.E.A.C.H. Project is a national, evidence-based strategy that creates access to higher education for early educators working with young children in out-of-home settings. T.E.A.C.H. provides scholarships to enable early educators to take coursework leading to credentials and degrees. The scholarships and agreements make it possible for professionals to afford both the time and expense of going to school. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont is administered by Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VAEYC). Funding for the program has been obtained through Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant and The Henderson Foundation.

### **Who can access a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont is offering scholarships towards an associate degree in Early Childhood Education at the Community College of Vermont. Scholarship eligibility criteria require that recipients work at least 30 hours per week and make less than \$15/hour in an early childhood program licensed or registered by the Child Development Division.

### **Who is responsible?**

Scholarships are based on a cost-sharing concept. Scholarships require two and three party agreements. These agreements are between the recipient, the sponsoring center, and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont. Registered family child care providers share the agreement and financial responsibility with T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Vermont®.

- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont assistance includes 80% of tuition and fees, 90% of books, and a travel stipend. Recipients also receive a \$300 bonus after fulfilling an agreement contract.
- Recipients pay for 10% of tuition, fees, and books. They agree to take 9-15 credits in an agreement year, and when the agreement year is over, they commit to staying with the sponsoring center for an additional year.
- Sponsoring centers pay 10% of tuition and provide the recipient with 4 hours per week of release time during semesters for which they receive a partial reimbursement from T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont. At the end of the agreement year they give the recipient either a 1.5% increase in hourly pay or a \$250 bonus.

### **How do I apply for a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship?**

Contact T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont by calling 802-244-6282 or by emailing at [teachearlychildhoodvermont@vaeyc.org](mailto:teachearlychildhoodvermont@vaeyc.org) and set up a time to meet with the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont Coordinator/Counselor to discuss the program. Then:

1. Complete the T.E.A.C.H. application and mail with a paystub and signature to VAEYC, P.O. Box 244, Waterbury, VT 05676 with a copy of transcript (if prior credits have been earned).
2. Contact CCV and meet with an academic and financial aid counselor.
3. Apply for financial aid (VSAC & FAFSA) and provide T.E.A.C.H. with documentation of award or denial.
4. Provide T.E.A.C.H. with documentation of course registration.
5. T.E.A.C.H. will pay CCV directly for the sum of the tuition and fees and recoup the money from the recipient and sponsoring center accordingly.

### **When will I be notified about my application?**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont is accepting applications for agreements that start in the fall 2014 semester. Applications will be processed at the beginning of June and applicants will be notified of awards by mid-June. Applicants not awarded scholarships in this round will be wait-listed and reviewed for funding if and when monies become available.

For more information contact us at:

<http://vaeyc.org/quality-improvement/teach/>

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