



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada:

**A Project of the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children
Funded by the Office of Early Learning & Development**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada is a scholarship program which requires a three way partnership between T.E.A.C.H. Nevada, the scholarship recipient, and the participating center. We will work together in an effort to improve the quality of Early Childhood Education in the state of Nevada. All three parties are expected to participate in the scholarship agreement, and these expectations are listed below:

T.E.A.C.H. Nevada Provides:

- 80% of in-state college tuition
- 80% of text book costs
- \$50 travel stipend at the completion of each semester
- 80% of release time claimed (each semester) at \$13.50 per hour
- \$250 - \$400 contract completion bonus upon successful completion of 9-15 credits during a contract year
- Support from your T.E.A.C.H. Nevada project counselor

Eligibility and T.E.A.C.H. Nevada Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities:

- 10% of in-state college tuition
- 20% of text book costs
- Communicate clearly with your sponsoring center regarding your academic plans per semester and how you plan to use your Release Time, as well as active communication with your T.E.A.C.H. Nevada project counselor
- Commit to work for at least 1 additional year at your sponsoring center following the end of the scholarship contract
- Declare Early Childhood Education as your major area of study
- Must be employed a minimum of 30 hours per week in a licensed childcare facility or licensed home care facility
- Must be a resident of the state of Nevada
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA
- T.E.A.C.H. Nevada will cover tuition and fees at the following colleges or universities: Truckee Meadows Community College; Western Nevada College; Great Basin College; College of Southern Nevada; the University of Nevada, Reno; the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Sponsoring Center Provides:

- 10% of in-state college tuition

Example: if a teacher takes one typical three credit course, then the estimated cost, including fees, will be \$285.00. 10% of this expense will be \$28.50, which would be the center's portion that they have agreed to cover.

- A 2% wage increase or \$300 bonus upon the completion of each commitment year
- Provide a minimum of 16 hours of Release Time per semester (eligible for up to 96 hours – dependent upon several factors). **Participating centers are reimbursed for 80% of Release Time claimed, at \$13.50 an hour**; for example, if a recipient claims the minimum of 16 hours in one semester the breakdown will look like this: 16 hours X \$13.50 = \$216.00 then... \$216.00 X 80% = \$172.80 is the total reimbursement to the center at the finish of the semester.

Release Time: The scholarship recipient is required to claim a minimum of 16 hours per semester; however, the recipient is eligible for up to 96 hours. This is dependent on two things – what your center is able to provide beyond the required 16 hours, and how many credit hours you are enrolled in:

- 1 credit = eligible for 16 hours over the semester
- 2 credits = eligible for 32 hours over the semester
- 3 credits = eligible for 48 hours over the semester
- 6 credits = eligible for 96 hours over the semester

96 hours is the maximum amount of Release Time which can be claimed per semester



Getting Started:

- Complete your application for T.E.A.C.H. Nevada and submit it, with any additional required documentation, within 30 days prior to the start of the semester.
- Once your application is received, it will be processed and an acceptance packet will be mailed out in a timely manner. If your application is incomplete, we will contact you at our earliest convenience.
- Both the applicant and the sponsoring center director must sign your contract (included in the acceptance packet – Form A), and send it back to the T.E.A.C.H. Nevada office as soon as possible – tuition and fees cannot be paid without a signed contract on file.
- Get established with the college you plan on attending.
- Apply for FAFSA through this preferred college – it is a requirement that you apply for grant money through FAFSA, but you DO NOT need to accept any school *loans* through FAFSA.
- Register for classes!
- Send in your pre-authorization form (included in acceptance packet) and class registration right away – without your registration on file T.E.A.C.H. Nevada will not know to contact the college for payment of your tuition.
- Purchase text books & send in your receipts, along with a completed Form B (will be included in your acceptance packet with detailed instructions).
- Send in your completed Form C (will be included in your acceptance packet with detailed instructions) at the finish of each semester.
- Send in your grades at the completion of each semester.
- Contracts can be renewed as many times as necessary to attain your degree.

Thank you for all that you do for our youngest constituents, as well as your dedication to improving the quality of Nevada's early childhood community 😊
Please contact T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada today with more questions...we will have you started by next semester!

An Investment in Early Childhood Professionals