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Knowledge Universe Associate Degree Scholarship Opportunity

There are three partners in this scholarship process: T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Nevada, the sponsor (Knowledge Universe®), and the scholar.

Any teacher or assistant teacher who would like to take college coursework that leads to an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education is eligible to apply.

T.E.A.C.H. provides the following benefits to the sponsors and scholars:

- Pays 70% of tuition and fees
- Pays 70% of the cost of text books
- Up to \$195 per year for travel and/or internet expenses
- Reimbursement of \$4.25 per hour to the sponsor, for providing up to 3 hours per week of paid release time
- \$250 bonus to the scholars every year at least 9 credits are successfully complete

The sponsor provides the following benefits to the scholar:

- 20% of tuition and fees
- Provides up to 3 hours per week of release time to the scholar paid at his/her regular wage
- \$350 bonus every year at least 9 credits are successfully completed

The scholar provides the following benefits to the sponsor:

- Commitment to work for at least 1 additional year at the sponsoring program following the end of the scholarship contract

Additional benefits include:

- Higher quality teaching in the child care classroom. Scholars benefit every day they are in college classes and bring that knowledge back with them to the classroom.
- Retention of scholars averages 94%. Typical retention for child care workers is 60-70%. This means the costs of replacing employees is lower for sponsors participating with T.E.A.C.H.
- Higher retention also means improved continuity of care. The quality of the bond between teacher and child is critical to early brain development and quality outcomes for children.

*Please return completed application and supporting documents to the main T.E.A.C.H. Nevada office:
 240 South Rock Boulevard, Suite 143, Reno, NV 89502*