



GREAT NEWS FOR INCENTIVE\$ & T.E.A.C.H. PARTICIPANTS!

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program provides scholarships statewide for early learning educators to work towards earning credentials, college credits and certificates, or a degree in the field. Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$ Florida, an affiliate of Child Care WAGE\$®, rewards educators in participating counties with annual stipends as they further their education and maintain continuous employment. Together, T.E.A.C.H. and INCENTIVE\$ help to educate, retain, and provide additional support for our state's early learning workforce. These programs along with other quality initiatives, help foster more stable relationships and positive outcomes for young children.

Hey, INCENTIVE\$ participants! Did you know you could have the majority of your tuition covered, receive reimbursements for books or a new computer, and have access to a dedicated Counselor to help you along the way by becoming a T.E.A.C.H. scholar?

T.E.A.C.H. can also help INCENTIVE\$ participants meet their continuing education requirement with its 3-6 Hour Credit Scholarship Model (for INCENTIVE\$ Scale levels 1 to 4).

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP MODEL:

| T.E.A.C.H. RESPONSIBILITY:  | SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY: | SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITY: | INCENTIVE\$ REWARD:  |
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| 80% tuition and 90% books | 10% tuition and 10% books | 10% tuition | INCENTIVE\$ annual stipend of \$450 - \$5,000 |
| Paid release time reimbursement for 3 hours/week (to the sponsor)* | Minimum 6-month work commitment to the sponsor following completion of the T.E.A.C.H. contract | Provide 3 hours/week of paid release time for employees working 30 or more hours | Supports continuing and higher education within our state's early learning workforce |
| \$250 student access stipend and \$500 bonus following completion of the T.E.A.C.H. contract (to the scholar) | <p><i>*Paid release time = Florida minimum wage + \$2.00 per hour.</i></p> <p><i>Release time gives scholars dedicated and guaranteed time for their studies. T.E.A.C.H. reimbursement makes this essential scholarship component of <u>little to no cost</u> for the sponsor.</i></p> | | \$1,958 average stipend awarded in 2022–23 |








DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY!

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INCENTIVE\$ SCALE

| Level & Career Pathway | Education and/or Credentials | Annual Stipend |
|------------------------|---|---|
| ★ 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree in ECE/CD Bachelor Degree or higher with 36 credit hours in ECE/CD | \$5,000 |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree or higher with 24 credit hours in ECE/CD | \$3,500 |
| ★ 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Degree in ECE/CD Associate Degree or higher with 21 credit hours in ECE/CD | \$2,250 |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree or higher with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD Associate Degree with 18 credit hours in ECE/CD 90 credit hours toward a Bachelor Degree with 15 credit hours in ECE/CD | \$1,600 |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree or higher Associate Degree with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD 45 credit hours with 15 credit hours in ECE/CD | \$1,200  |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Degree 70 credit hours of well-rounded coursework 36 credit hours with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD 36 credit hours plus a National CDA or Florida Staff Credential | \$850  |
| ★ 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 credit hours with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD | \$650  |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 credit hours ECE/CD National CDA or Florida Staff Credential | \$450  |

 INCENTIVE\$ participants at scale levels 1 through 4 have a continuing education requirement to complete (one) three college credit course in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. To retain program eligibility, center-based educators must satisfy the requirement every two years; family child care educators every three years.

★ Indicates a corresponding level of the Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway of certificates, credentials, and degrees. These Career Pathways provide a road map to the professional career opportunities within early care and education. Visit the Florida Division of Early Learning at floridaearlylearning.com for more information.

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