



TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island
Scholarship Application
Infant Toddler Certificate Model
Center-Based Teachers and Assistant Teachers

Date: _____

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number Home: () Cell: () Work: ()
 Email: _____
 College Email (if different): _____

Employment Status

What is your current job title?	☐ Teacher ☐ Assistant Teacher ☐ Administrator	☐ Family Based Professional ☐ Non-Teaching Professional Staff ☐ Non-Teaching Support Staff
How long have you worked in the field of early childhood?	☐ Less than 2 Years ☐ 2-5 Years	☐ 6-10 Years ☐ 10+ Years
What age groups do you teach? (please check all that apply)	☐ Infants (0-12 Months) ☐ Toddler (13-36 Months)	☐ Preschool (37 Months – PreK) ☐ School Age

How many children are in your classroom? _____
 If you are a preschool teacher, what are the ages of the children you teach (e.g. 3 yr olds)? _____
 How many hours per week do you work? _____
 How many months per year do you work? _____
 Beginning date of employment at current facility? _____
 What is your current hourly wage? _____

Ethnicity

Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

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| ☐ No | ☐ Yes, Cuban |
| ☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano | ☐ Other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish |
| ☐ Yes, Puerto Rican | |

Do you consider yourself....?

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ White | ☐ Hispanic | ☐ Japanese |
| ☐ Black or African American | ☐ Asian Indian | ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native |

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| ☐ Chinese | ☐ Vietnamese | ☐ Other Pacific Islanders: _____ |
| ☐ Korean | ☐ Other Asian: _____ | ☐ Other race: _____ |
| ☐ Filipino | | |

The above information is used for demographic purposes only

Please check the box indicating what language(s) you speak fluently (please check all that apply)

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| ☐ Arabic | ☐ Korean | ☐ Thai |
| ☐ Chinese | ☐ Lao | ☐ Vietnamese |
| ☐ Creole | ☐ Polish | ☐ Yiddish |
| ☐ English | ☐ Portuguese | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ French | ☐ Russian | |
| ☐ Greek | ☐ Spanish | |

What is your preferred Language for learning? _____

How many people live in your household? _____

Of those, how many are:

Your parents? _____ Siblings? _____ Spouse or significant other? _____ Children? _____ Other? _____

Have either of your parents or any of your brothers and sisters attended college? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do either of your parents or any of your brothers and sisters have a college degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship Program?

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| ☐ Presentation | ☐ My Center Director | ☐ Other (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ Mailing | ☐ TEACH Recipient | |
| ☐ CCR&R Agency | ☐ Workshop | |
| ☐ College | ☐ Website | |

Please check the box that best describes your educational history:

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| ☐ No high school diploma | ☐ CDA (Specialization: _____) | ☐ Bachelor Degree (Major: _____) |
| ☐ High school diploma/GED | ☐ Associate Degree (Major: _____) | |
| ☐ 1-year certificate | | |

Please check one that best describes your educational goals:

- ☐ Earn an Early Childhood or School-Age Credential
- ☐ Take a few early childhood courses to obtain or upgrade job-related skills
- ☐ Earn an Early Childhood, Infant/Toddler or School-Age Certificate
- ☐ Earn an Early Childhood Associate Degree
- ☐ Earn an Early Childhood Associate Degree and transfer to a four-year college/university to earn a Bachelor's Degree

Have you taken any college courses in the past two years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you taken any ECE credits in the past two years? ☐ Yes how many? _____ ☐ No

Are you currently enrolled in an Early Childhood Degree program at a college/university in Rhode Island? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which degree are you working on? _____

When would you like your scholarship to begin? ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer (year) _____

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Statement of Income

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT PAY STUB HERE.

Employer #1 _____

Hours/Week _____ Earnings (\$) _____ per _____

Employer #2 _____

Hours/Week _____ Earnings (\$) _____ per _____

Have you applied for any other financial aid (such as Pell Grants, Smart Start Grants or student loans)?

☐ YES

☐ NO (Scholarship candidates must apply. See page 4.)

Source of financial aid #1 _____ Date of application _____

Application Status: ☐ AWARDED ☐ DENIED ☐ PENDING

Source of financial aid #2 _____ Date of application _____

Application Status: ☐ AWARDED ☐ DENIED ☐ PENDING

All applicable financial aid letters should also be included with the application packet.

YOUR TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL INCOME \$ _____

YOUR TOTAL FAMILY GROSS ANNUAL INCOME (your spouse included) \$ _____

STATEMENT & SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I attest to the fact that the information I have provided is true and accurate. Based on this information I am applying to TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island for a scholarship to help pay the cost of educational expenses. TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island is a program of Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children (RIAEYC).

Signature of Applicant

Date

CENTER BASED TEACHER INFANT TODDLER CERTIFICATE
SCHOLARSHIP MODEL PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The early childhood infant toddler certificate scholarship model offered through TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island requires active participation and cost sharing from each scholarship recipient. In the event that I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to the following participation requirements:

1. Remain enrolled in the Birth to Three Certificate of Undergraduate Studies at Rhode Island College.
2. Contribute 5% of tuition and specified fees for approved coursework.
3. I understand that TEACH will cover up to \$200 worth for the cost of books for approved courses per semester.
4. **Successfully complete** a minimum of 9 credits at Rhode Island College during an annual contract period that will not exceed twelve (12) months.
5. Remain an employee of my sponsoring program for an additional twelve (12) months following the award of compensation.
6. Submit evidence of a completed FAFSA form at the time of application and every Spring thereafter during years of TEACH participation. Receipt of financial aid is not required to receive a TEACH Scholarship. However all applicants are required to apply for federal, state, and college aid via the completion of a FAFSA form. FAFSA stands for **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA forms can be accessed and filed through the website www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Be sure to access the given website, similar web addresses unnecessarily charge money for processing. The site you are referred to is free.** If you have questions about this process or need help completing the online FAFSA form, please contact the Financial Aid Office at Rhode Island College at 401-456-8033. The TEACH scholarship office may also be consulted. Due to award cycles of FAFSA, it may be necessary for new TEACH Summer applicants to apply for FAFSA two times within one TEACH contract period.
7. I understand that I will receive a \$100 travel stipend each semester I take courses as a TEACH scholar. Additionally, I understand I will receive a \$400 bonus upon submitting a copy of my Birth to Three Certificate of Undergraduate Studies Certificate to TEACH.
8. I understand that the \$100 travel stipend may be used to offset my 5% contribution for tuition and books, if applicable.
9. I agree to submit my grades within 30 days of the close of the semester.
10. I understand that I am entitled to take UP TO 3 hours of weekly paid release time during every semester I take classes through TEACH, up to a maximum of 30 hours per semester.

Signature of TEACH Scholarship Applicant

Date

Please Print Name

**TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island
Infant Toddler Certificate Model
Center Participation Agreement – Page 1**

This agreement must be completed by the center director and center owner or board chairperson.

The TEACH Infant Toddler Certificate scholarship model offered through TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island, a program of Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children (RIAEYC), requires the participation of each scholarship recipient's employing child care center. In the event that (*Applicant Name*) _____ is awarded a scholarship, I understand that (*Center*) _____ agrees to participate in the following model (*Indicate which applicable option you prefer*)

☐ **Small Raise Model**

1. Center pays 5% of the cost of tuition and associated fees for courses totaling a minimum of 9 college credits annually at Rhode Island College for the scholarship employee.
2. Center provides UP TO three hours of paid release time each week for each approved semester for each scholarship employee. (Thirty hour maximum for 15 week academic year terms, maximum of 15 hours for Summer terms.) Release time is provided for campus and online courses. TEACH will cover all of the cost of release time to be reimbursed at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.
3. At the end of the annual contract, and upon successful completion of a minimum of 9 college credits, the center will issue a 1.5% annual raise above any other expected or earned raise. TEACH will issue an additional \$400 bonus directly to the scholarship recipient upon certificate attainment.

☐ **Bonus Option**

1. Center pays 5% of the cost of tuition and associated fees for courses totaling a minimum of 9 college credits annually at Rhode Island College for the scholarship employee.
2. Center provides up to three hours of paid release time each week for each approved semester for each scholarship employee. (Thirty hour maximum for 15 week academic year terms, maximum of 15 hours for Summer terms.) Release time is provided for campus and on-line courses. TEACH will cover all of the cost of release time to be reimbursed at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.
3. At the end of the annual contract, and upon the successful completion of a minimum of 9 college credits, the center will issue a \$450 bonus. This bonus will be provided in two installments; \$225 upon contract completion, \$225 after six months of contract completion. TEACH will issue an additional \$400 bonus directly to the scholarship recipient upon certificate attainment.

Center Auspice: Profit _____ Non-profit _____

BrightStars Rating: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Candidate Name for this contract: _____

Number of hours candidate works per week: _____

Months worked per year: _____

Hourly rate of pay: _____

We the undersigned agree to the terms indicated in the above TEACH Center Participation Agreement.

(Please print name of Director)

(Signature of Director)

(Date)

Is your center accredited? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, by whom? _____

Does your facility accept children with DHS subsidy? Yes _____ No _____

What percentage of your enrollment receives DHS subsidy? _____

Is this child care program owned or managed by another organization:
_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, give the parent company name/address:

***Two signatures are required in all circumstances. This requirement applies to all programs including when a director and the owner are the same person or a program is a Head Start or Community Action program.**

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Center Participation Agreement - Page 2**

Program Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Program Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different from mailing): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Program Fax #: _____

DHS Provider ID#: _____ License #: _____

License Capacity: _____ Current Enrollment: _____

Name and position of administrator who should receive TEACH approval and billing information

Address of above administrative contact person

Name and e-mail of site director if different than above administrator (Please print information)

Please check all forms of funding your facility receives:

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|---|---|
| ☐ Head Start | ☐ Title 1 |
| ☐ Early Head Start | ☐ IDEA |
| ☐ State Head Start | ☐ State Subsidies: Contracts |
| ☐ State Pre-K | ☐ State Subsidies: Vouchers |

Applications must be submitted with the following items:

- 1) Verification of candidate's income (paystub or official letter from agency showing hourly wage)
- 2) Copy of the program's current DHS license
- 3) Evidence of completion of FAFSA
- 4) Two signatures in the box on page 5, center participation agreement

IMPORTANT: Applicants must meet *all* eligibility requirements listed below.

- Must work in a non-State PreK classroom
- Work in a DHS-licensed childcare program that is actively participating with BrightStars (the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System) and the DHS Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

Return Completed Application to:

TEACH Early Childhood® Rhode Island Rhode
Island AEYC
501 Centerville Road, Suite 202
Warwick, RI 02886

If you have any questions, please contact the TEACH Office at 401-739-6100 or teach@riaeyc.org