



What's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood RI?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Rhode Island provides educational scholarships to the early childhood workforce. This scholarship program works in partnership with childcare programs to support their staff in these efforts.

How T.E.A.C.H. Will help your staff?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Rhode Island has created a scholarship to provide financial assistance and compensation to your employee(s) in order to complete the National CDA Assessment fee. The cost of the CDA Assessment Application is \$425. The scholarship will provide 90% of the CDA Assessment application fee to the scholarship recipient. *The remaining 10% of the CDA Assessment application fee needs your financial support; 5% must be covered by you and 5% must be covered by your CDA Candidate.*

CDA Candidates who successfully receive their credential and obtain their CDA certificate are eligible to receive a \$100 bonus paid by T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Rhode Island.

How will this work?

- Early Childhood educators who participate in the CDA Credential Training program through the Community College of Rhode Island will receive a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship application during the course of their training. Participants will also gain information about the scholarship and how it works.
- Once the candidate has finalized the steps needed to apply for the CDA Credential, the candidate must complete and submit the CDA Scholarship application to T.E.A.C.H. This application will need your signature/sponsorship approval before it gets submitted to T.E.A.C.H. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Rhode Island will review the application in order to confirm scholarship eligibility.
- After application has been reviewed, T.E.A.C.H. will contact your staff to deliver the news. A scholarship agreement will be generated and must be signed by you and your staff member for the scholarship to become active. Each party must retain a copy of this agreement. Once a signed copy is returned to T.E.A.C.H., the scholarship will notify the Council.
- The Council will email the Candidate a Voucher Number that your staff can use as a form of payment towards the CDA application.
- **No payment will be required by neither you (the sponsoring center) nor your employee(s) at the time of application.** T.E.A.C.H. will be paying the full cost of the assessment fee to the CDA Council. T.E.A.C.H. will invoice both parties no less than 30 days after disbursing payment to the CDA Council.

Who do I contact for more information?

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