



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

Year 2021 Program Evaluation for Scholarship Recipients

81 of 102 surveys returned

County: Adams (3), Buffalo (1), Butler (1), Cedar (1), Colfax (1), Dakota (1), Douglas (25), Fillmore (1), Greeley (1), Hall (2), Holt (1), Hooker (1), Keith (1), Knox (1), Lancaster (13), Lincoln (2), Madison (2), Nemaha (1), Phelps (1), Platte (5), Richardson (1), Sarpy (1), Saunders (1), Scottsbluff (3), Thayer (1), Thurston (2), Wayne (1), York (1), No Answer (4)

College Attended: CCC (13), CSC (1), Little Priest (1), MCC (19), NECC (6), SCC (15), UNK (23), WNCC (4), Mid-Plains (2)

Job Position:

Family Childcare Provider	15	19%
Lead Teacher, Teacher, Teacher Assistant	61	75%
Program Director-Employee	5	6%
Program Director-Owner	0	0%
Other	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	0	

How long have you been working in early childhood?

752.5 years total 9.3 years average

Would you have taken courses last year if you did not have a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship?

No	59	73%
Yes, I would have taken the same number of courses	13	16%
Yes, but I would have taken fewer courses	9	11%
No answer/not applicable	0	

Were you working toward a college degree before you learned about T.E.A.C.H.?

Yes	28	35%
No	51	65%
No answer/not applicable	2	

If No, why not? (check all that apply)

I did not have time to take courses	16	31%
I could not afford tuition, books, etc.	45	88%
Courses were at inconvenient times	6	12%
I was planning to leave the childcare field	0	0%
I did not believe I needed more education	4	8%
I had no interest in taking courses	6	12%
Other	3	6%

Other:

- Needed program mainly online.
- Wasn't ready.

Completing the number of required course credit hours in one year is:

Very easy	17	21%
About right	58	73%
Somewhat difficult; explain	5	6%
No answer/not applicable	1	

- With the pandemic and short staffing it made it difficult.
- I need to pass the praxis.
- Balancing school, work, and family.

- I don't know how to drag pictures and write things to the pictures about the classwork.
- Because of jobs and family my time is limited.

The courses I took were:

Not challenging enough	1	1%
About right	72	91%
Too difficult	6	8%
No answer/not applicable	2	

- Had a hard time understanding what was needed.
- Zero communication from instructor.
- My math class was hard but other than that every other class is alright.
- Math is not my strong suit.
- At times there was no time to complete it.

The amount of release time provided by the scholarship was:

Too little	13	18%
About right	59	82%
Too much	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	9	

I found having time off during the week when I'm taking classes to be:

Extremely important	51	70%
Nice to have	22	30%
Not very important	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	8	

My share of the tuition/books was:

Too little for me to pay	4	5%
About right	70	92%
Too much for me to pay	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	5	

The travel funds that I received for transportation to courses were:

Too little	4	6%
About right	65	93%
Too much	1	1%
No answer/not applicable	11	

The raise/bonus that I receive because of my education is important to me.

Agree strongly	50	64%
Agree somewhat	7	9%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
Have not received a raise/bonus yet	21	27%
No answer/not applicable	3	

I used my bonus money for: (check all that apply)

Something for myself or my family	7	9%
Something for my childcare/classroom	7	9%
Paid bills	33	42%
Paid my portion of the tuition/book charges	7	9%
Saved it	10	13%
Other	3	4%
No answer/not applicable	32	

Other:

- Put gas in my car.
- To help replace my computer.

- Helped to pay for repairs to the home.

I found my sponsoring program to be:

Very supportive	52	73%
Somewhat supportive	17	24%
Not supportive; explain below	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	10	

- I didn't get the time I needed to work on homework.
- Very low staffed played into effect.
- I was not getting release time because we are struggling with stuff but the program was very supportive otherwise.

As an overall evaluation of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Program, how satisfied are you?

Very satisfied	72	90%
Somewhat satisfied	8	10%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	1	

When I needed help, T.E.A.C.H. staff was helpful.

Agree strongly	70	88%
Agree somewhat	10	13%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	1	

Information that I received from T.E.A.C.H. was easy for me to understand

Agree strongly	66	83%
Agree somewhat	14	18%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	1	

What T.E.A.C.H. resources are you aware of, do you use, and are they helpful? (check all that apply)

Website	61	75%
Newsletter	68	84%
Facebook page	31	38%
Pinterest	7	9%
Instagram	9	11%
Twitter	3	4%
No answer/not applicable	5	

Would you recommend T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to other people working in childcare?

Yes	77	99%
No	1	1%
No answer/not applicable	3	

If no, why not?

- I would recommend TEACH until student teaching. It is hard working full time student teaching and working for your site for 10 hours a week. My site isn't even open for me to hardy get 10 hours a week there once I'm done student teaching, which I why I'm not using my scholarship during student teaching and taking a leave of absence during that time.
- They don't pay much.

Do you plan to continue your T.E.A.C.H. scholarship in the upcoming year?

Yes	67	86%
No	11	14%
No answer/not applicable	3	

If no, why not?

I am graduating	5	45%
I do not plan to take courses	2	18%
I will not stay in my current center	2	18%
My center will not sponsor me	0	0%
I cannot afford to continue	0	0%
Other	2	18%

Other:

- I am student teaching.
- Moving and looking for new employment.

How has an increased education helped you? (check all that apply)

I have increased my early childhood knowledge and skills	74	91%
I have improved the quality of my teaching techniques and practices	73	90%
I have increased enthusiasm in the classroom	57	70%
I have influenced coworkers to use new teaching techniques	46	57%
I have improved relationships with the children and their families	60	71%
I am more satisfied with my job	47	58%
I feel more appreciated and recognized for my work	39	48%
I am more willing to stay in my current employment	49	60%
I see myself as an early childhood professional	59	73%
Other	1	1%
I have not noticed any benefit	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	2	

Other:

- It has a lot of resources that I want to keep going.
- I feel it helps give me that little bit more confidence.

I have used what I have learned with the children in my care/classroom.

Agree	76	97%
Disagree	0	0%
Not sure	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	3	

I have shared what I have learned with other teachers at work or in the community.

Agree	70	90%
Disagree	2	3%
Not sure	6	8%
No answer/not applicable	3	

My college offers and adequate number of evening courses.

Always	33	49%
Sometimes	31	46%
Never	4	6%
No answer/not applicable	13	

My college offers an adequate number of weekend courses.

Always	26	40%
Sometimes	19	31%
Never	20	31%
No answer/not applicable	16	

My college offers courses at convenient times for me to attend.

Always	48	65%
Sometimes	24	32%
Never	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	7	

My college offers an adequate number of courses on the internet.

Always	68	86%
Sometimes	11	14%
Never	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	2	

My college offers courses in my preferred language for learning.

Always	75	96%
Sometimes	1	1%
Never	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	3	

The quality of early childhood instructors at my college is good.

Always	65	83%
Sometimes	11	14%
Never	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	3	

Early childhood advisors at my college are available.

Always	65	82%
Sometimes	13	16%
Never	1	1%
No answer/not applicable	2	

The registration process at my college is easy.

Always	61	77%
Sometimes	18	23%
Never	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	2	

**All percentages have been rounded to the whole number.*

How can the college/university be more helpful to you?

- I feel it helps give me that little bit more confidence.
- Mid Plains does not offer early childhood classes and advisor recommended against taking courses.
- Better explanation of timeline, easier registration.
- I think they do a good job.
- They have done a great job. I have no complaints. Communication was sometimes a problem during student teaching because everyone is so busy but it has been a great experience!
- Do classes all online.
- If more advisors were aware of and know how to specifically help those who are in the T.E.A.C.H. program.
- By offering weekend courses.
- Help us break down the classes and reserve a spot for us to register for classes before they get full.
- Explain things more clearly. It also has been hard due to COVID.
- At the moment, nothing. I know who to contact and communicate with when I need help or understanding.
- Teachers can offer more WebEx times.
- It has helped me overcome my fear of paying for college.
- I wish CSC had more EC specific classes and with a better instructor, wish I would have looked at WNCC sooner.
- They are all very helpful.
- Have not talked to them much because I can't take any classes till I pass the PRAXIS.

- They've been pretty helpful already. The only problem I have is that it's very hard to get a hold of my professor/advisor.
- They are already very helpful.
- Would love to more have contact-know if I'm on track, etc.
- I am able to work toward my goal of getting a degree to be a professional Early Childhood Educator with knowledge in the field.
- No complaints.
- Having more courses in the afternoon would help immensely!
- Being able to get a hold of someone easier.
- Advisors have an understanding of Early childhood program.
- With having online courses for the very first time, it would be helpful to have a tutorial on how the MyWay portal works.
- Offer practicum regularly.
- Haven't started yet.
- I'm happy with the care currently.
- Since COVID it can be a little hard because my advisor is off campus. I can only email her.
- Offering more parking.
- More in person class options. Online was very, very hard for me. I don't feel I learned as much.
- Giving students more help when it comes to transferring courses.
- Nothing! Everyone been helpful!
- More online accessibility. Having a wonderful time though!
- It has a great environment and the advisors are willing to help you out.
- It is pretty helpful.
- Already helpful.

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and/or professionally?

- I am extremely proud.
- Means the world to me! I am able to continue to blossom in my field. I just love learning about early childhood education.
- Opened doors.
- I am able to be a professional on paper instead of a babysitter.
- It has helped me stay in a field that I love. This will help me move up in positions.
- The scholarship has meant that I will be able to graduate with a degree and show my children that it's important to go to college.
- It has helped me a lot because before TEACH I wasn't going to school well, because I had no money to pay and having teach has helped a lot.
- It has allowed me to continue my education without adding extra stress to my family.
- The ability to afford to continue my education.
- I am able to work full time and attend school, I wouldn't be able to without it.
- I've enjoyed the opportunity to further my education without having to worry about the cost.
- Having this scholarship means I am able to achieve more tax credit, higher SU2Q rating, improve my childcare's quality, better build a strong foundation for the children in my care and learn the latest teaching requirements. It means I am a professional in my field and not just an underpaid babysitter. None of this would have been possible without the scholarship and the online classes offered through UNK.
- I have gained more confidence in taking the lead when I have to step up.
- This scholarship has allowed me to complete not only my Associates Degree but my bachelor's degree as well. I am going to continue on to get my Masters in ECI as well as go back for my ELA 7-12.
- I appreciate this scholarship for the help on me working toward my degree and being able to have a blocked time to do homework while at work. I am the first of my family to go to college, so it is a big deal for me.
- This scholarship has allowed me to continue my education without the huge worry about the costs of what education is now a days. I am able to continue my work as a preschool teacher while earning my degree in Early Childhood Education.

- It means a way out of the bare minimum.
- The only way to keep improving my education without sacrificing my family.
- I am able to get a degree in my own time while still working and being a mom.
- The scholarship has meant to me that I am able to learn better ways to teach my students.
- I am able to continue to learn new techniques and use them in the classroom. As well as becoming a positive and trusted teacher.
- Having scholarship help me to become successful and help me get the degree that I always wanted!
- It has allowed me to focus on my schooling without worry of how to pay for it.
- This scholarship has been able to help me continue going to school and getting my degree.
- It has made it possible for me to continue my education and self-growth in my career.
- It has been a true blessing and has been very helpful to continue my education and help out the families in the classroom!
- It has helped me a lot because without it I would not be able to move through school as fast as I have. Money would be tight.
- This scholarship has been EXTREMELY helpful for me. My boyfriend and I just bought a house because the house we were living in had no heat or AC. We had to live in the house all summer with no AC, running multiple fans. It was very miserable. We spent a month in that house with no heat as well. I fell without this scholarship, I would've never been able to buy a house. I seriously can't thank you guys enough. With that being said, this scholarship has been very helpful!
- It is a great way to increase my education.
- It means that I can continue my education and be the first in my family to have a Bachelor's Degree. This scholarship has allowed me to go back to school and complete a degree when I hadn't planned on going back to school.
- Allowing me to finish my degree like I have always wanted to do.
- This scholarship gave me the opportunity to continue going to school while working a full time job to pay off my house.
- TEACH has been a great asset for me. As a full time mom and working full time I really benefit from having the time allotted for me at work to work on my school work. Financially I do not think that I would be able to afford taking even one class on my own. My employer does pay for one course but there would be no way I could afford the books on my own.
- It has meant everything to me, without it I would not be back in school pursuing my Bachelor's degree.
- It has given me an opportunity that I otherwise would not have been able to do! I am so grateful for the scholarship!
- I can have a family, provide for them while working and continue my education. It's not been a burden financially for my family.
- Couldn't have done this without TEACH.
- It has helped alleviate the stress of financial struggle in giving me the opportunity financially to work on a degree.
- That I was able to earn my degree without loads of debt!
- I feel like I have become a better teacher/person after my scholarship. Forever grateful for the opportunity!
- It has furthered my love for teaching and makes me think I'll be taken more seriously when courses are complete.
- Made it possible to attend college & finish faster.
- TEACH has helped me build more confidence for myself to get an Associates Degree and to better my teaching for students.
- To become a teacher.
- The scholarship is extremely important to me and I am very thankful for the opportunity this scholarship provides.
- It gave me the opportunity to pursue a degree again, very grateful for this amazing program.
- I'm thankful I get to continue my education.
- I feel better equipped to teach and care for children through my education.
- Everything, I feel like I can push myself to do better knowing I have people supporting me with my classes.
- I have felt so lucky to have an opportunity to further my education without the financial burden.
- This scholarship has given me the ability to advance my career and improve my skills without hurting me financially.

- A lot, it is important for me to receive a degree in our field so this is the only way I was able to do this.
- It has meant everything to me especially the financial area.
- It's helping me better my future for my son and I.
- Given me a great opportunity to further my career in the child care industry.
- I was able to afford school which will lead to better money.
- It is a huge blessing to be able to afford to continue my education and be supported in that endeavor.
- It has meant everything to me because I can now finish my Bachelor's degree not have to worry about coming up with money.
- TEACH has and continues to change my life, improve my skills, and motivate me to be the best teacher I can be. I am forever thankful.
- It has provided me the opportunity to go back to school.
- It has provided me a way to further my education and increase job opportunities.
- It allowed me to purchase books rather than pay out of pocket.
- It has become more professional and motivates me to keep going and graduate.
- It means a lot because it has helped me a lot in school.
- It has helped me with my learning and how important it is to continue learning.
- Well, I wouldn't be able to afford tuition if I had to pay for college, or I would have to take only one class at a time, which would make it a long time to graduate.
- It has given me a chance to go to college.

How can T.E.A.C.H. be more helpful to you?

- I really cannot think of any. Always so helpful when I email or call and answer questions.
- Keep doing what you're doing TEACH.
- Julie Warford is always helpful!
- Nothing more than what they are doing in helping me get my EC Endorsement.
- I am grateful for everything.
- I wish you could help with education degrees in general not just ECI. Education and teaching is in high demand and not enough people are wanting to teach.
- If I were able to get more of the full 4 hours a week to do my assignments it would be helpful, but I understand that isn't always possible with the amount of staff able to cover.
- Allowing to take more courses a year.
- Having us talk about our concerns, checking on us to make sure we are on the right track.
- Nothing, been more than helpful to me.
- TEACH is awesome!
- I would love it if they would offer assistance to take classes after I get my degree. Like I said I wish I would have looked into WNCC sooner. Many classes I could still take.
- You guys are super helpful! Thank you for everything!
- It is great nothing to improve. T.E.A.C.H. has already been very helpful to me. There are amazing people who work there and are very helpful and respond very quickly!
- They are already very helpful!
- Thank you for the help.
- I wouldn't mind a few more hours of paid time off to do homework.
- I think it's already very useful.
- So far so good!
- As a family provider it's sometimes hard to pass up on other jobs to continue with the contract and current job. Especially if hours and pay are better than the home childcare but it's understandable too.
- None right now.
- The support has been great and very appreciated. I'm very satisfied!
- No complaints!
- I would say 2 extra hours of TEACH time would help a lot.
- Julie always answers me when needed. I really don't have any complaints!
- TEACH could be a little more helpful by letting students know how all the financial bills play out.

- Provide more funds.
- Give more reminders.
- You guys are amazing!
- None!
- Thanks for what you all are doing for me.
- It's as helpful as it needs to be.
- Can't think of anything specific.
- Help us complete the FAFSA.
- I could use more T.E.A.C.H. hours at work that would help me.
- You do wonderfully.
- To get my certificate diploma and to graduate in the future Associates Degree.
- It has helped me enough.
- Already helping in every way they can.