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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

FAFSA

Don't delay! Apply today!

Now is the time to apply for the FAFSA for the **2019-2020** school year. Yes, you read that right!

Did you know! Mobile Friendly FAFSA Website: The FAFSA.gov website has an updated look with new colors and has been redesigned so that pages will fit the screen size and shape of any device, including desktop or laptop computers and mobile devices. You can now complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form on a smartphone or tablet with the same ease as on a computer.

The T.E.A.C.H. program requires all students to apply for federal

financial aid. However, if you did not qualify last year, and you feel that your financial situation has not changed, please let me know.

Please remember! We only want you to accept additional financial aid that you do not have to pay back, such as a Pell Grant. We DO NOT encourage you to accept student loans.

Until your FAFSA confirmation letter has been submitted to T.E.A.C.H., or you have notified me that you won't qualify, you will not be able to charge anything to your T.E.A.C.H. account.

Do not wait until the last minute to get approval! If you need help,



contact your school's financial aid office or EducationQuest at <http://www.educationquest.org/>. There should never be a charge for filing.

Congratulations!

Please help us congratulate Christina from Cuming County! She was recognized as Employee of the Year at her Head Start program! Christina is currently a Bachelor Degree student at UNK completing her

coursework this semester after her student teaching experience. She will return to her Head Start program after student teaching in order to complete her 18 month commitment with them. Way to go, Christina!

If you have accomplishments that you would like to share, please send me an email and I'd be happy to include them in future newsletters, too!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a "Request for Exceeding Credit Hours" form?

This form is used in the office when a student exceeds their maximum number of credit hours allowed each contract year. (15 = Semester, 18 = Quarter). To verify that you can exceed your credit hours, I check your grade history to make sure you have been successful in previous classes, confirm that you have applied for the FAFSA, and check with your program to make sure you are still working at least 30 hours per week or more, and they are willing to sponsor you for those extra credit hours.

2. I haven't received a check or an invoice yet. When will I?

We can't process check requests or invoices until we receive the billing from the school. Each school is different in how soon or how late we receive them. However, once they are in our hands, it can take up to two weeks to process their paperwork and then up to at least two more weeks before checks are generated by our accountant.



Elevate19—Save The Date

The Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative in partnership with NeAEYC, NE Children & Families Foundation, NE Dept. of Ed.—Office of Early Childhood, NE DHHS, and NE Extension presents Elevate19: Elevating The Business Of Early Care And Education!

Elevate19 is a business summit for child care centers and family child care homes across the state featuring keynote speaker Louise Stoney, a nationally renowned expert in finance and policy in the early childhood field, as well as other industry leaders.

Summit topics include: Human Resources, Facilities, Leadership Development, Marketing, and Financial Management.

It will be held on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 in York, NE at the Holthus Convention Center.

For more information, visit: nebraskaeearly.org/elevate.

Social Media



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA and NeAEYC are on social media! Are you? If so, please join us on these sites, if you haven't already! I will be watching for you!



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Your Personal Reminder



Getting the Most out of Professional Development

Professional growth is a CRUCIAL part of being a teacher. The early education field is always changing, and to support the children in your classroom, you need to stay current. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way to help children thrive and succeed.

Over the next three

newsletters, I will share two tips to help you stay enthusiastic and get the most out of your professional development.

- Be present and build bridges. Be prepared to collaborate with your peers, take in new information, and use others as resources. Put

away your devices and be open to learning from others.

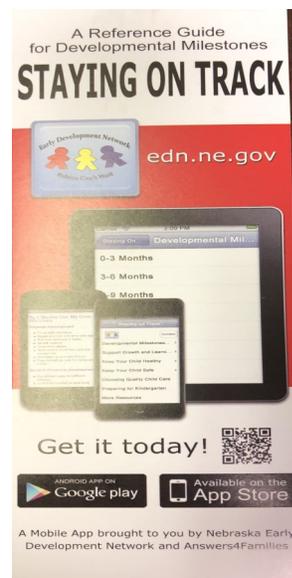
- Listen for goals you want to accomplish. Reflect on areas where you need more help. Choose a couple of strategies from class to apply in your classroom.



“There’s An App For That”

Download the Early Development Network’s, “Staying on Track” Mobile App. Use it to track children’s progress and to

also gain helpful information on early childhood development. This app is available for free on both Google Play and iTunes. Get it today!



20 Questions

This month’s section of “20 Questions” features Nancy from Douglas County. She is currently a one and two year old assistant teacher in Omaha. She has been on a Bachelor Degree Gap Scholarship Model since the Fall 2017 term.

1. Where were you born? El Salvador

2. What is something you are proud of? Graduating with my liberal arts degree at MCC

3. If you could have one super power, what would it be? Fly—I would love to travel around the world one day.

4. Do you have any

brothers or sisters? One younger brother that is going to the University of NE @ Omaha

5. What is your favorite season? Summer—Because my birthday is in the summer!



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Upcoming Dates

November 22nd-23rd: Office Closed—Thanksgiving
November 28th: T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Team Meeting

December 24th—January 4th: Julie Out Of Office
***Plan Accordingly!**

January 21st: Office Closed—MLK, Jr. Day
January 26th: Providers Day Out in LaVista

*February 2nd: Early Childhood Conference at Central
Community College in Grand Island *Julie will be there!*
February 14th-15th: Julie Out Of Office
February 15th-16th: Early Childhood Conference in Chadron
February 18th: Office Closed—President’s Day
February 23rd: Early Childhood Conference in Omaha

**See the list of spring term start dates in the Education
section of our website under, “Current Recipient and
Sponsor Resources”.**

20 Questions (Continued)

6. Do you have a favorite holiday? Christmas—I like to have all of my family gathering together and celebrating as one.

7. If you could meet someone famous, past or present, who would it be? Selena Quintanilla—She was a Tejano-Mexican singer that I love to hear all the time.

8. What’s one place you really want to travel to? Puerto Rico or Spain

9. What is your favorite color? Purple, red, and pink

10. What’s one thing you can’t live without? My family—Family is really important to me and they are a big part of my life.

11. What do you like to do in your free time? Go bike riding, play soccer, and spend time with my family

12. What is something you are afraid of? Snakes, spiders, and rats

13. If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be? Nice, quiet, and generous

14. If I weren’t a teacher, I’d be... A nurse

15. Do you prefer writing in pen or pencil? Pen

16. What is your favorite movie? Fast Five

17. What’s your favorite subject

in school? Spanish

18. What’s your least favorite subject in school? Math

19. What is something you wish you could do? Play the piano

Thank you, Nancy, for your responses!

If you would like to participate, please send me your responses to these questions or create your own!