



## **Applying for TEACH Step-by-Step Associate & Bachelor Degree Scholarships**



### **Step #1: Get the "OK" from your Sponsoring Program Director –** *Family Child Care Providers: Skip This Step*

Speak with your Program Director and determine if TEACH is something they are willing to fully invest in. They need to agree to pay 10% of the cost of your tuition and books, provide up to four hours per week of release time to you each term, and award you a 2% raise or a \$350 bonus upon completion of each contract. If your sponsoring program consents, you must agree to pay your 10% of the cost of tuition and books, complete your classes successfully ("C" or higher) while maintaining your employment, and stay at your sponsoring program for at least 12-18 months at the completion of your contract. (See "TEACH Recipient Responsibilities Agreement" on page six of the application.) **If you have questions at any time during the application process, please contact the TEACH Scholarship Counselor at 402-858-5143 or [teach@nebraskaaeyc.org](mailto:teach@nebraskaaeyc.org).**

### **Step #2: Applying to TEACH –** *Bachelor Degree Applicants: Call & Talk to The TEACH Scholarship Counselor First Before You Continue*

You will need to complete a TEACH application in its entirety (included). Determine which TEACH scholarship model is appropriate for you and your sponsoring program, then complete and submit the application with all necessary documents attached. In order to apply for a TEACH Scholarship, you will have to attend a college/university that participates with the TEACH program. (This list is available at [www.nebraskaaeyc.org](http://www.nebraskaaeyc.org). Click on the "TEACH Early Childhood®" link on the left hand side.) Determine which participating college/university you want to attend and include it on your application.

### **Step #3: Wait for Confirmation**

It takes approximately 4-6 weeks for us to process your application and make a determination of your eligibility. While you are waiting, you may wish to research Early Childhood Education courses at the participating college/university you have chosen. TEACH only approves coursework in an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education, Associate of Arts Degree in Academic Transfer with an Early Childhood Education Emphasis, or a Bachelor's Degree in Inclusive Early Childhood Birth-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

### **Step #4: Approval**

Once all materials have been received and approved, you will get an award call from the TEACH Scholarship Counselor. This award call will include details about your scholarship award and provide guidance on what you will need to do next. We recommend students start off by taking only one class at a time to see how school fits into your work and personal life. If you find that handling one class is pretty manageable and you'd like to take more, we will handle that on a case-by-case basis. Some of the other items of discussion will be what forms to fill out, how to charge books, and how to pay for tuition. Please note that TEACH cannot pay for classes that have already been started.

### **Step #5: Applying to a College or University**

Complete the application process at the participating college/university that you have chosen. TEACH does not reimburse for application or admission fees.

### **Step #6: Apply for Federal Financial Aid**

You must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which can be found at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Submit a copy of your confirmation or award letter to verify completion of your FAFSA application. Receiving financial aid does not disqualify you from receiving a scholarship from TEACH Early Childhood® Nebraska.