

“WHY SPONSOR A SCHOLARSHIP?”

A quality program counts on quality teachers! One of the most significant indicators of quality child care is the educational level of child care professionals. The scholarship program allows you to assist staff in achieving their professional development goals with credit-based education.

TEACH has a positive impact on reducing staff turnover. Research shows that children thrive on stability in their relationships with adults during the early years. High turnover has been found to have detrimental effects on the healthy development of young children.

Sponsorship makes good business sense when you calculate the cost of turnover. Rarely do programs include in their budgets a line item reflecting the cost of turnover, but when calculated it is considerable. As evidenced in the example found in this brochure, the cost of replacing a teacher is far greater than sponsoring one on a scholarship. This is a benefit centers can offer to employees that have little to no effect on their bottom line.

Parents can come to understand and appreciate the quality of your program. By participating in the scholarship program, you can show parents your commitment to giving their children the best, with educated staff who are putting knowledge into practice. You improve the marketability of your program when it is a good place for children and a good place for teachers.

“WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?”

TEACH

- Pays 80% of tuition and books.
- Pays a travel stipend.
- Reimburses half of the release time.
- Pays a bonus at the end of a contract period, as specified in the contract.
- Pays a bonus at the end of a commitment period, as specified in the contract.
- Provides college and career support and assistance.

Sponsor

- Pays 10% of tuition and books.
- Provides paid release time to employee.
- Pays a raise or a bonus to the employee at the completion of a contract.

Recipient/Employee

- Pays 10% of tuition and books.
- Schedules release time with employer.
- Agrees to complete credit-based education within a contract period.
- Agrees to continue employment in the sponsoring program for at least one year after the completion of contract.

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TEACH Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

What It
Means To
Sponsor a
TEACH
Recipient

“An investment in an early childhood professional, is an investment in each and every child that professional encounters.”
-Buffett Early Childhood Institute



NEBRASKA

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“WHAT IS THE TEACH NEBRASKA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?”

The TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® NEBRASKA Scholarship Program:

- Links education, compensation, and commitment to improved quality of early childhood programs.
- Involves a partnership for the sharing of expenses by the recipient of the scholarship, the sponsoring program, and TEACH Early Childhood® Nebraska.
- Provides financial and other supports to complete a degree in Early Childhood Education.

“Dollars spent to strengthen the knowledge & skills of the early childhood workforce are an investment in the professionals & the programs, an investment that will benefit children & families in communities across Nebraska.”

—Buffett Early Childhood Institute

90% of sponsoring programs agreed the recipient has increased her/his early childhood knowledge and skills.

2025 Survey

“WHICH STAFF SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR A TEACH SCHOLARSHIP?”

Here are a few questions to ask about the employee you are considering sponsoring.

- ___ Is the employee motivated to go to college?
- ___ Does your program want a commitment of two or more years of employment from this person?
- ___ Does the employee have good work habits? Are they on time, show responsibility, and come to work with a positive attitude?
- ___ Does the employee demonstrate good attitude with the children, families, and co-workers?
- ___ Does the employee have a positive attitude towards professional development? Does he/she seek professional improvement by participating in classes, workshops, or researching best practices?

98% of sponsoring programs would recommend TEACH to other programs.

2025 Survey

Establishing quality early care and education is impossible if you are constantly rebuilding program staff. However, the 2024-2025 FY turnover for TEACH Early Childhood® Nebraska students was as low as 10%.

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COMPARE THE COST OF TURNOVER TO THE COST OF SPONSORSHIP

Cost of Staff Turnover				
Teacher leaves, giving one week notice. Center must cover vacancy for one month.				TOTAL COST \$2,669.50
Direct Costs		Indirect Costs		
Primarily substitutes, advertising, and overtime pay for staff	21.75 hours of director time @ \$15.00 per hr., including benefits	13.25 hours of teacher time @ \$15 per hr., including benefits		
\$2,144.50	\$326.25	\$198.75		
Cost of Sponsoring a TEACH Recipient for an Associate Degree Scholarship (Semester)				
Tuition	Books	Release Time	Compensation	
@ \$100 per credit x 9 credits per year (average) = \$900.00	@ \$100/book x 3 per year (average) = \$300.00	@ \$15.00 per hr. x 4 hrs. per week x 16 weeks x 3 semesters = \$2,880.00	\$350.00 Bonus	
Center Costs				
10% Tuition \$90.00	10% Books \$30.00	Reimbursed for 1/2 by TEACH \$1,440.00	\$350.00 Bonus	\$1,910.00

You saved \$759.50 sponsoring a TEACH recipient!

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