



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

Year 2022 Program Evaluation for Scholarship Recipients

76 of 91 surveys returned (84%)

County: Adams (3), Boone (1), Buffalo (5), Butler (1), Cass (1), Cedar (1), Colfax (1), Dodge (1), Douglas (20), Hall (2), Hooker (1), Keith (1), Lancaster (11), Lincoln (2), Madison (2), Nemaha (2), Perkins (1), Phelps (1), Pierce (1), Platte (4), Pottawattamie (1), Richardson (2), Sarpy (2), Scottsbluff (3), Sherman (1), Stanton (1), Valley (1), Wayne (1), York (2)

College attended: Central Community College (15), Chadron State College (1), Metro Community College (17), Mid-Plains Community College (1), Northeast Community College (6), University of Nebraska-Kearney (20), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1), Western Nebraska Community College (1)

Job position:

Family Child Care Provider	18	23%
Lead Teacher, Teacher, Teacher Assistant	46	59%
Program Director-Employee	12	15%
Program Director-Owner	2	3%
Other	0	0%
No Answer, Not Applicable	0	0%

How long have you been working in early childhood?

610.1 years total 8.1 years on average

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

No	60	79%
Yes, I would have taken the same number of courses	9	12%
Yes, but I would have taken fewer courses	7	8%
No answer/not applicable	0	0%

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

Yes	19	26%
No	55	74%
No answer/not applicable	2	

If no, why not:

• I did not have time to take courses.	13	14%
• I could not afford tuition, books, etc.	50	56%
• Courses were at inconvenient times.	5	6%
• I was planning to leave the child care field.	2	2%
• I did not believe I needed more education.	4	4%
• I had no interest in taking courses.	10	11%

- Other 6 7%

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

Very easy	16	22%
About right	48	65%
Somewhat difficult	14	14%
No answer/not applicable:	0	

The courses I took were:

Not challenging enough	0	0%
About right	71	97%
Too difficult	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	3	

The amount of release time provided by the scholarship was:

Too little	8	13%
About right	54	87%
Too difficult	0	0%
No answer/not applicable		

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

Extremely important	40	69%
Nice to have	17	29%
Too much	1	2%
No answer/not applicable	18	

My share of the tuition/books was:

Too little for me to pay	0	0%
About right	70	97%
Too much for me to pay	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	4	

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

Too little	5	8%
About right	60	92%
Too much	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	11	

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

Agree strongly	47	63%
Agree somewhat	3	4%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
Have not received a raise/bonus yet	25	33%
No answer/not applicable	2	

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

Something for myself or my family	6	13%
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Something for my child care/classroom	9	20%
Paid bills	19	42%
Paid my portion of the tuition/book charges	5	11%
Saved it	4	9%
Other	2	4%
No answer/not applicable	35	

I found my sponsoring program to be:

Very supportive	51	81%
Somewhat supportive	12	19%
Not supportive	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	14	

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

Very satisfied	71	97%
Somewhat satisfied	2	3%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	2	

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

Agree strongly	72	95%
Agree somewhat	4	5%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	0	

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

Agree strongly	66	88%
Agree somewhat	9	12%
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	57	31%
Newsletter	63	34%
Facebook Page	32	17%
Pinterest	8	4%
Instagram	9	5%
Twitter	7	4%
No answer/not applicable	5	

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

Yes	75	99%
No	1	1%

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

Yes	69	92%
No	6	8%
No answer/Not applicable	1	

If no, why not?

• I am graduating.	2	33%
• I do not plan to take courses.	1	16.5%
• I will not stay in my current program.	1	16.5%
• My center will not sponsor me.	0	0%
• I cannot afford to continue.	2	33%

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

I have increased my early childhood knowledge and skills.	66	15%
I have improved the quality of my teaching techniques and practices.	63	14%
I have increased enthusiasm in the classroom.	54	12%
I have influenced coworkers to use new teaching techniques.	42	9%
I have improved relationships with the children and their families.	60	13%
I am more satisfied with my job.	45	10%
I feel more appreciated and recognized for my work.	30	7%
I am more willing to stay in my current employment.	41	9%
I see myself as an early child professional.	51	11%

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

Agree	71	95%
Disagree	3	4%
Not sure	1	1%
No answer/not applicable	2	

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

Agree	69	92%
Disagree	2	3%
Not sure	4	5%
No answer/not applicable	1	

My college offers an adequate number of evening courses.

Agree	32	51%
Disagree	29	46%
Not sure	2	3%
No answer/not applicable	13	

My college offers an adequate number of weekend courses.

Agree	29	47%
Disagree	21	34%
Not sure	12	19%
No answer/not applicable	14	

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

Always	59	83%
Sometimes	12	17%
Never	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	4	

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

Always	69	92%
Sometimes	6	8%
Never	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	1	

My college offers courses in my preferred language for learning.

Always	73	97%
Sometimes	1	1.5%
Never	1	1.5
No answer/not applicable	2	

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

Always	66	88%
Sometimes	9	12%
Never	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	2	

Early childhood advisors at my college are available.

Always	60	82%
Sometimes	12	17%
Never	1	1%
No answer/not applicable	0	

The registration process at my college is easy.

Always	60	82%
Sometimes	13	18%
Never	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	3	

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

- Willing to have evening meetings due to working until 4:30pm.
- Less website crashes.
- Have my courses planned.
- SCC - Unsure of advisor and who to contact.
- Willingness to do things over the phone.
- Nothing - They are helpful enough!
- I am very satisfied and do not have anything I'd change.
- Offering more assistance financially.
- I would suggest looking into the professor feedback from students and make changes, if necessary.

- Having a specific advisor that I am aware of (know the name and number) would be very beneficial, instead of talking to the academic's office for everything.
- They have been very helpful with any questions that I have.
- Metro has been amazing - Wish it was a four-year college.
- Having an easier way to access resources. I was confused on how to use it when I first started.
- Improving child care for student parents; Will be nice to take more in-person classes.
- None, everything is great!
- NECC has been great to work with.
- Weekend evening classes or zoom during non-weekend hours.
- The college/university is very helpful to me and nothing to add.
- Feedback/response in a more timely fashion.
- UNK has been great. MPCC not so much.
- Already helping in every way.
- Return my calls or be on a zoom meeting for my schedule.
- Well, I notice that they don't hand out those catalogs to see what classes you needed.
- N/A; They are great.
- They are doing good.
- None; I love UNK.
- They could help select classes.
- Be easier with explaining courses.
- More online options.
- They are very helpful.
- Being more educated on the scholarship in general.
- They are great; Nothing to change.
- Detailed descriptions of what is needed, as needed by participants.
- They are fantastic!
- Nothing.

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

- Helped me learn more about children's developmental skills in my classroom.
- It has meant so much to me. Meant the world to me being able to go back and finish my degree, because of the money and working full-time.
- I have learned so much. This scholarship has made me a better child care provider in many ways.
- Couldn't get a BA without the financial help.
- It gave me a chance to reach my goal to get a degree in education.
- I get to better myself.
- I love having it because it keeps me motivated and helps me get to learn more about children.
- It has helped me reach my goals. I am so satisfied with my job and the scholarship has taught me things I use every day.
- It helps me continue my education.
- Personally, it was a great opportunity. Professionally, I became more knowledgeable.
- The scholarship has given me the opportunity of accomplishing my career goals as a teacher.
- The scholarship has allowed me to go back to college and work towards a degree.

- It has given me the ability to extend my learning without having the added stress of wondering how I am going to afford it.
- I am able to take courses and gain more information and knowledge to become a better teacher with the scholarships.
- I would not be in the position I'm in without it. I am very grateful.
- The scholarship has helped me because with it, I am able to further my education.
- Everything! I would not have been able to go to school without it. Love learning about early childhood.
- It has helped me to be able to afford education and help towards my degree.
- It has meant the possibility of pursuing my associate degree in early childhood w/o worrying about tuition costs. Without T.E.A.C.H., I wouldn't be able to take courses while working a full-time job.
- I would not have been able to do this w/o the scholarship. Having my early childhood degree next year will be amazing for me and my program.
- It has been a blessing to be a part of T.E.A.C.H. It has been a big help to achieving my goals.
- It means a better life for my son and I.
- Allowed me to continue my education.
- Just knowing I can continue my education w/o having to pay for all of it is very helpful.
- It has given me a greater feeling of accomplishment and has helped me not have to worry about how I can afford these classes.
- It has given me the chance to go to college.
- Opportunity to provide quality care, grow, become a better professional and parent.
- The scholarship means a lot because I am not stressing about money and how I am going to pay for college.
- It has meant the world. Offering an opportunity I didn't have before.
- I was set in not finishing my EC degree, then learned about T.E.A.C.H. I can finally show my daughter you can succeed after quitting.
- I am so grateful for this scholarship! Worry way less now!
- Because of the scholarship I can afford a quality education.
- The scholarship means a lot to me. I would not be going to college without it.
- I would not be going towards my BA for financial reasons.
- Proud to be doing something for ME.
- Everything it helps me continue to keep going and finish what I started.
- I think having this scholarship is very important to me because it motivates me to continue to get more practice in the classroom setting, but also going to the school at the same time having this scholarship.
- It has allowed me to better myself and my business when finances weren't lining up with my hopes and dreams.
- I am very grateful. It has value. My child care at home is much better.
- I would have not been able to take the class I took without this scholarship.
- Realize what they are capable of doing.
- It has helped/allowed me to go to college like I always wanted to.
- Continuing my love for early childhood education.
- It has helped me expand my knowledge and improved my quality of teaching. Shown me how to organize even more.
- Gave me the opportunity to continue my education.

- Having support in my education has meant a lot.
- It has given me the opportunity to further my education and become better at my job for my child care business.
- It means that it is giving me an education I can afford.
- It has helped me gain more knowledge and enthusiasm in the field. I have more confidence in myself and my work and love for what I do.
- It has shown me "I can do it" and building my confidence. Financially, it's not helping me due to me not wanting to charge families more than to be broke.
- I have felt supported by Julie, makes me feel like I will slowly but surely get my education done while working full time.
- It means I can reach my goal of getting my degree with having to get out student loans.
- Have been able to continue my education when I otherwise would not have.
- It has made it more possible for me to reach my goal of earning my BA in early childhood.
- I like it and I'm glad I was offered this scholarship.
- This scholarship has helped me get an education in something I truly love while being able to work and provide for myself.
- Helps a lot because I can't afford to pay for classes, so this keeps me going.
- I have been able to work on my degree while still working full-time. Using what I learn in real time w/in my classroom.
- It has kick-started my drive to graduate. I plan to continue my education, but go a different route.
- It has increased my learning about early childhood education, and it strengthens my passion to be a teacher.
- It has given me the opportunity to go back to school and get my degree.
- Everything! I am so proud of myself for going back to get this degree. I'm passionate about early childhood education and it wouldn't have been possible without T.E.A.C.H.
- This scholarship to me means my future. I know this is what I want to do, and this is going to help me get there.
- It has meant so much to me. Helps pay bills; So grateful!
- It has helped relieve stress and reassured me that I can complete school to get my associate degree.
- This scholarship allows me to work and get my education in a way that integrates well with my schedule.

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

- Honestly, I have received great advice and support from T.E.A.C.H., and I don't think I would need any more help than what already receiving.
- NOTHING, it has been amazing - thank you so much!
- Nothing at this time.
- They have done a great job being helpful already so there's nothing from me.
- Nothing. You guys and gals are and always have been amazing to work with. Thank you!
- More information on getting out for classes.
- I am very satisfied with T.E.A.C.H. Very easy to follow steps and I know Julie is there if I have any questions or concerns.
- T.E.A.C.H. has been very helpful to me.
- T.E.A.C.H. has been great.

- It's good the way it is.
- Nothing. T.E.A.C.H. has been extremely helpful.
- Having a "how to do scholarships for beginners". I am a first-time college student in my family, so all this is new to me.
- It will be helpful if T.E.A.C.H. makes sure that our sponsor program is giving us the right amount of T.E.A.C.H. time release.
- Find a way to help those of us who own our own child care; Cannot be away all day to student teach, but need to pay bills and a sub.
- None 😊
- T.E.A.C.H. is amazing.
- I think it's a wonderful program.
- It is good.
- It can be more helpful by education.
- YOU ARE AMAZING.
- Love this program!
- Offer for more than an inclusion degree.
- It would be more helpful to know what you offer us. Is it just to pay for our classes and textbooks?
- T.E.A.C.H. has been very helpful and patient with my questions/concerns.
- Already helping me with everything I need.
- It has been good and encourage me to keep going. I am very successful.
- N/A; It is fantastic.
- They're doing great.
- Julie is always so helpful!
- Julie has been excellent to work with.
- T.E.A.C.H. has been super helpful to me and I don't think they need to be more helpful, personally.
- Not anything I can think of.
- Honestly, it works for me now.
- NONE at this time; T.E.A.C.H. has is so helpful to me.
- They have been great, and very helpful.
- Have more active communication on the scholarship, in general.
- They are great the way they are.
- Working w/sponsors to assure T.E.A.C.H. time is given each week (if possible). It really helps me get my work done.
- I was unaware that I would still be required to stay w/my sponsoring program for a year, even after that semester.
- I need help feeling safe in my work environment as well as feeling emotionally stable.
- Nothing. T.E.A.C.H. is amazing. :)