# GREAT NEWS FOR INCENTIVE\$ & T.E.A.C.H. PARTICIPANTS!

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program provides scholarships statewide for educators to work towards earning credentials, college credits, and/or degrees in early childhood education. Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$ Florida, an affiliate of Child Care WAGE\$®, rewards educators in participating counties with financial payments based on their level of education and sustained employment. Together, T.E.A.C.H. and INCENTIVE\$ help to educate, retain, and provide additional supports for the early childhood workforce. These programs along with other quality initiatives, help foster more stable relationships and positive outcomes for young children.

**Hey, INCENTIVE\$ participants!** Did you know you can receive a large portion of your tuition covered, assistance with books and a new computer, a dedicated Counselor to help you along the way, and additional financial supports by becoming a T.E.A.C.H. scholar?

T.E.A.C.H. can also assist INCENTIVE\$ participants at scale levels 1 through 4 in meeting their continuing education requirement with the T.E.A.C.H. 3-6 Credit Model.

#### SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP MODEL:



80% tuition and 90% books

Paid release time reimbursement for 3 hours/week (to the sponsor)\*

\$250 student access stipend and \$500 bonus following completion of the T.E.A.C.H. contract (to the scholar)

### SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITY:

10% tuition and 10% books

Minimum 6-month work commitment to the sponsor/employer following completion of the T.E.A.C.H. contract

\*Paid release time = Florida minimum wage + \$2.00 per hour.

Release time gives scholars dedicated opportunities to focus on their studies. T.E.A.C.H. reimbursement makes this essential scholarship component of little to no cost for the sponsor/employer.

### SPONSOR/ EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY:

10% tuition

Provide 3 hours/week of paid release time for teachers working 30 or more hours\* Early Childhood Educator
INCENTIVE\$
Florida

### INCENTIVE\$ REWARD:

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award amount of \$450 - \$5,000

Supports continuing formal education and upskilling to retain our early learning workforce

\$2,472 average annual award received in 2021–22



### **DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY!**

T.E.A.C.H.

teach-fl.com 877-FL-TEACH (877-358-3224)

#### **INCENTIVE\$**

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## **INCENTIVE\$ SCALE**

Level & Career Pathway	Education and/or Credentials	Annual Incentive
☆ 8	<ul> <li>Bachelor Degree in ECE/CD</li> <li>Bachelor Degree or higher with 36 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> </ul>	\$5,000
7	Bachelor Degree or higher with 24 credit hours in ECE/CD	\$3,500
☆ 6	<ul> <li>Associate Degree in ECE/CD</li> <li>Associate Degree or higher with 21 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> </ul>	\$2,250
5	<ul> <li>Bachelor Degree or higher with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> <li>Associate Degree with 18 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> <li>90 credit hours toward a Bachelor Degree with 15 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> </ul>	\$1,600
4	<ul> <li>Bachelor Degree or higher</li> <li>Associate Degree with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> <li>45 credit hours with 15 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> </ul>	\$1,200 🔀
3	<ul> <li>Associate Degree</li> <li>70 credit hours of well-rounded coursework</li> <li>36 credit hours with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD</li> <li>36 credit hours plus a National CDA or Florida Staff Credential</li> </ul>	\$850 🔀
<b>☆ 2</b>	• 24 credit hours with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD	\$650 🖫
1	<ul><li>12 credit hours ECE/CD</li><li>National CDA or Florida Staff Credential</li></ul>	\$450 🔀

INCENTIVE\$ participants at scale levels 1 through 4 have a continuing education requirement to complete (one) three college credit course in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. To retain program eligibility, center-based educators must satisfy the requirement every two years; family child care educators every three years.

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Indicates a corresponding level of the Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway of certificates, credentials, and degrees. These Career Pathways provide a road map to the professional career opportunities within early care and education. Visit the Florida Division of Early Learning at floridaearlylearning.com for more information.