



CHILDREN'S FORUM EARLY LEARNING QUALITY INITIATIVES AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



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EARLY LEARNING QUALITY INITIATIVES

AMBASSADOR OVERVIEW

- Early Learning Quality Initiatives Program
 - Workforce Initiatives Overview
 - T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®Scholarship Program
 - Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$ Florida Program
 - Additional Children's Forum Programs & Initiatives: Gold Seal, Children's Week, Assessment & Coaching Services Unit, and more!
- Early Learning Quality Initiatives Ambassadors
 - Ambassador Role
 - Monthly Reporting
 - Ambassador Resources

WHAT IS T.E.A.C.H.?

(TEACHER EDUCATION AND COMPENSATION HELPS)

The T.E.A.C.H. Program:

- Provides scholarships to early learning program teachers, directors, facility owners, and family child care home educators, working toward earning early learning credentials and renewals, college credits and certificates, and degrees in early childhood education.
- Links professional development, increased compensation, and a commitment to remain in the early care and education field.
- Creates a partnership and buy-in from the scholar, the sponsoring early learning program, and T.E.A.C.H. - with all three sharing tuition costs and expenses.



PROGRAM GOALS

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] aims to:

- Empower a highly qualified workforce with...
 - Increased knowledge base of participants
 - Support for continuing education
 - Increase compensation
 - Provide professional development opportunities
 - Create partnerships in early learning programs
 - Reduce early educator turnover
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EDUCATION

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships include:

- Florida Staff Credential (Initial or Renewal)
 - Florida Director Credential (Initial or Renewal)
 - National CDA (Assessment or Renewal)
 - 3-6 Credit Hour Model (one semester)
 - College Credit Certificates (12 college credit program)
 - Infant Toddler Specialization
 - Early Childhood Care and Education Policy
 - Graduate Level
 - Associate Degree
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Youth Development
 - Early Childhood Management
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Master's Degree
 - Early Childhood Educational Leadership
 - Early Childhood Emphasis - Early Childhood Policy Track
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COMPENSATION

T.E.A.C.H. benefits to scholars and their sponsoring centers:

- The majority of the cost of tuition (80%) and books (90%)
 - A per-semester stipend for most scholars (\$250 - \$300)
 - A bonus awarded to scholars who complete their contract, with tiered bonuses for degree-seeking scholars (\$500 to \$1,500)
 - Essential technology purchase reimbursement for active scholars (90% reimbursed, up to \$500)
 - A paid release time reimbursement for the sponsoring program - center/facility or family child care home at a rate of FL minimum wage + \$2.00/hr (\$13.00 for FY 2022-23)
 - Dedicated T.E.A.C.H. Counselor to provide administrative support
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T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARSHIP MODELS

Call T.E.A.C.H. Program Staff
at 888-FL-TEACH (888-358-3224)
or 850-487-6300 for assistance
or any questions



Connect with us on
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Scan here to view the
current scholarship
model booklets
(Eng & Spn)



Stay tuned
for updates!

Email us at:
teachquestions@thechildrensforum.com

WHAT IS INCENTIVE\$?

(Affiliate of Child Care WAGE\$)

The Early Childhood Educator INCENTIVE\$ Florida Program:

- Rewards teachers, directors and family child care providers working with children ages birth to five with financial payments based on their level of education and sustained employment.
- INCENTIVE\$ works alongside other quality initiatives in participating counties to help educate, retain, and provide additional supports for the early childhood workforce
 - Current participating counties: Broward, Hillsborough, Orange, and Osceola



PROGRAM GOALS

INCENTIVE\$ aims to:

- Build strong collaboration between early educators, their programs, and INCENTIVE\$
- Support and encourage continuing education efforts
- Ensure increased compensation tied to a commitment in the field
- Encourage educational and career growth along the Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway (Dept. of Education, Division of Early Learning)



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T.E.A.C.H. & INCENTIVE\$ PROGRAM GOALS ALIGN!

ELIGIBILITY

Who is eligible for INCENTIVE\$?

Early educators and family child care educators in participating counties may be eligible if they*:

- Are employed at an eligible licensed or license-exempt child care program (includes centers and family child care homes)
- Have worked at least six months at this child care program
- Work at least 20 hrs/week in the classroom with children birth to 5 years of age
- Earn less than \$25 per hour
- Have formal education beyond a high school diploma (meet qualifying education on the INCENTIVE\$ Scale)



*NOTE: INDIVIDUAL COUNTY REQUIREMENTS MAY DIFFER

EDUCATION & COMPENSATION

INCENTIVE\$ Scale & Career Pathway:



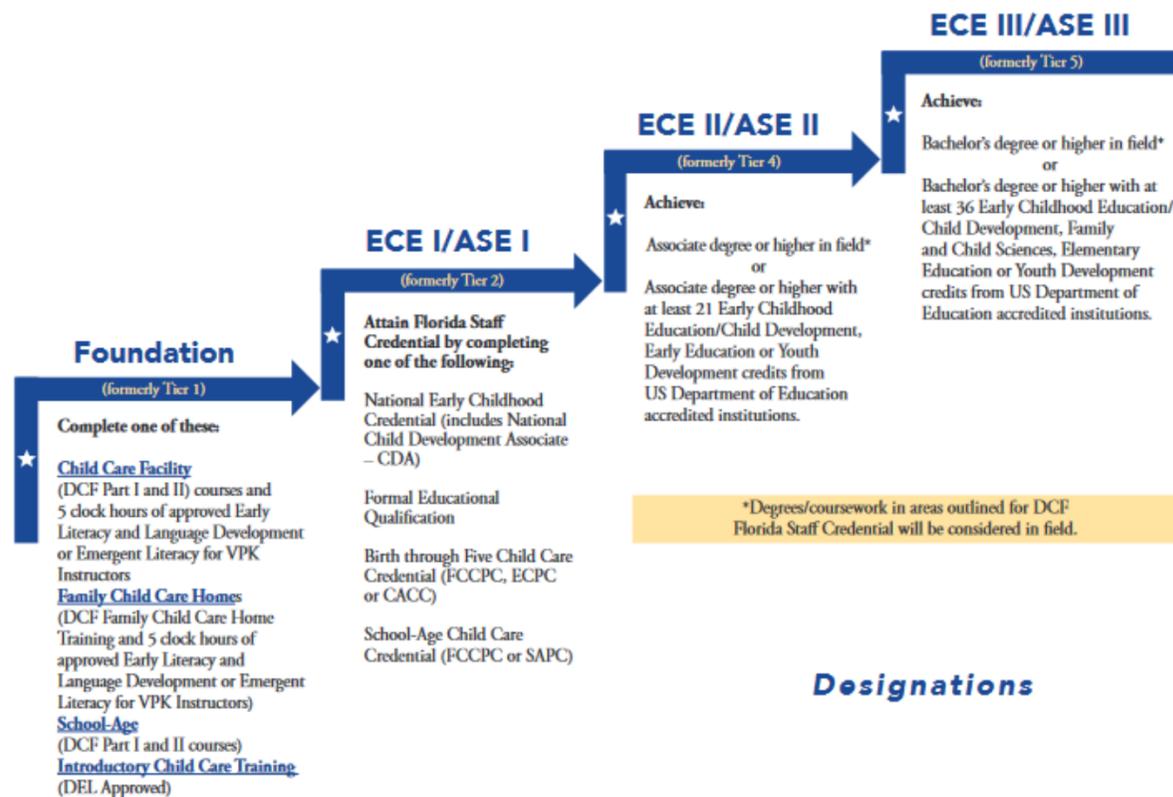
Scan now to download scale flyer

Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway Certificates, Credentials, and Degrees

Specialized Education & Training

Specializations are reflected on the educator's registry record and can be added to any of the designations (ECE, ASE, I, II, III).

Articulating credentials to college credits is subject to institutional review but may occur at any level along the pathway.



Designations

CORE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS Required to Earn Registry Designations

- Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards approved training
- Florida Core Competencies for Early Childhood Educators approved training
- Trauma Informed Care for Child Care Professionals (TICC) Training

ECE = Early Childhood Educator
ASE = Afterschool Educator

INCENTIVE\$ SCALE

Career Pathway Designation**	Level	Education and/or Credentials	Annual Incentive
ECE III	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor Degree in ECE/CD • Bachelor Degree or higher with 36 credit hours in ECE/CD 	\$5,000
	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor Degree or higher with 24 credit hours in ECE/CD 	\$3,500
ECE II	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Degree in ECE/CD • Associate Degree or higher with 21 credit hours in ECE/CD 	\$2,250
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor Degree or higher with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD • Associate Degree with 18 credit hours in ECE/CD • 90 credit hours toward a Bachelor Degree with 15 credit hours in ECE/CD 	\$1,600
	4*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor Degree or higher • Associate Degree with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD • 45 credit hours with 15 credit hours in ECE/CD 	\$1,200
	3*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate Degree • 70 credit hours of well-rounded coursework • 36 credit hours with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD • 36 credit hours plus a National CDA or Florida Staff Credential 	\$850
	2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 credit hours with 12 credit hours in ECE/CD 	\$650
ECE I	1*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credit hours in ECE or CD • National CDA or Florida Staff Credential 	\$450

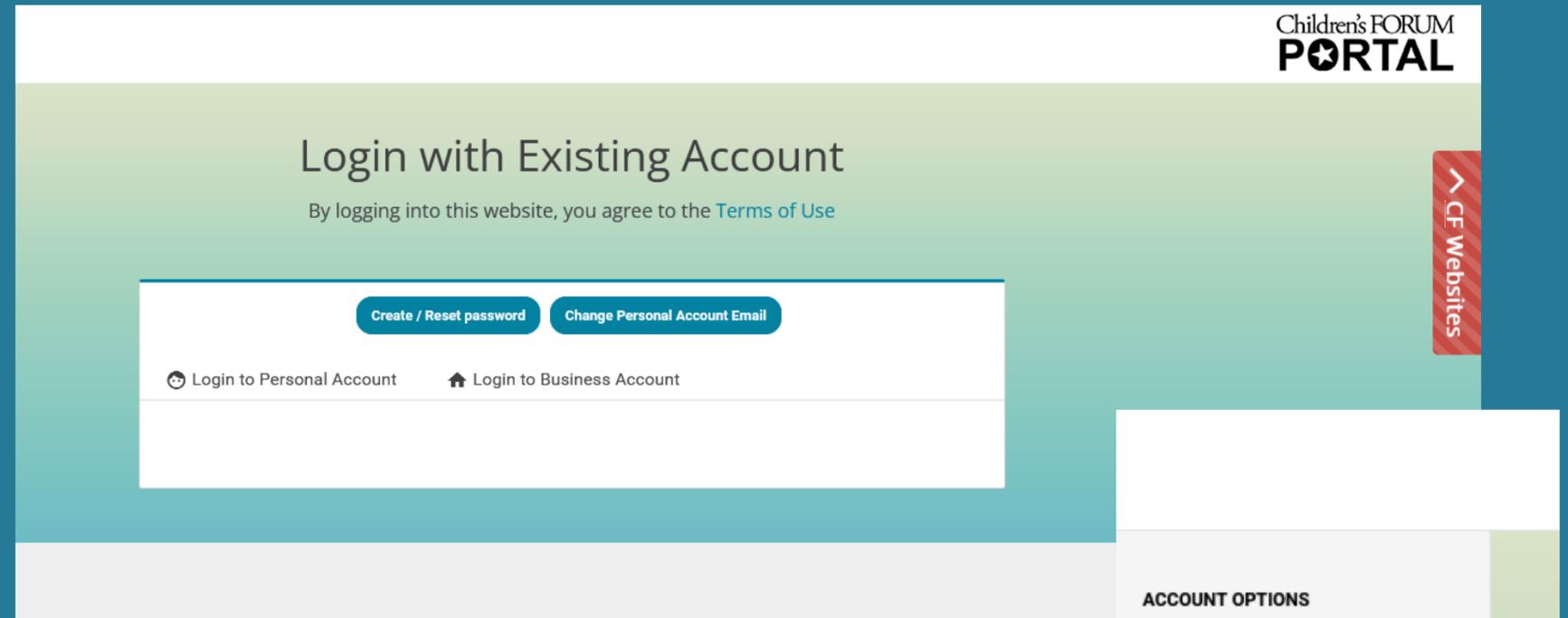
*INCENTIVE\$ participants at scale levels 1 through 4 have a continuing education requirement to complete (one) three college credit course in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. To retain program eligibility, center-based educators must satisfy the requirement every two years; family child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

**These designations correspond to levels of the Florida Early Learning and Afterschool Career Pathway of certificates, credentials, and degrees, which is on the other side of this flyer. This Career Pathway provides a road map to professional career opportunities within early care and education. Visit the Florida Division of Early Learning at floridaearlylearning.com for more information.

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CHILDREN'S FORUM PORTAL

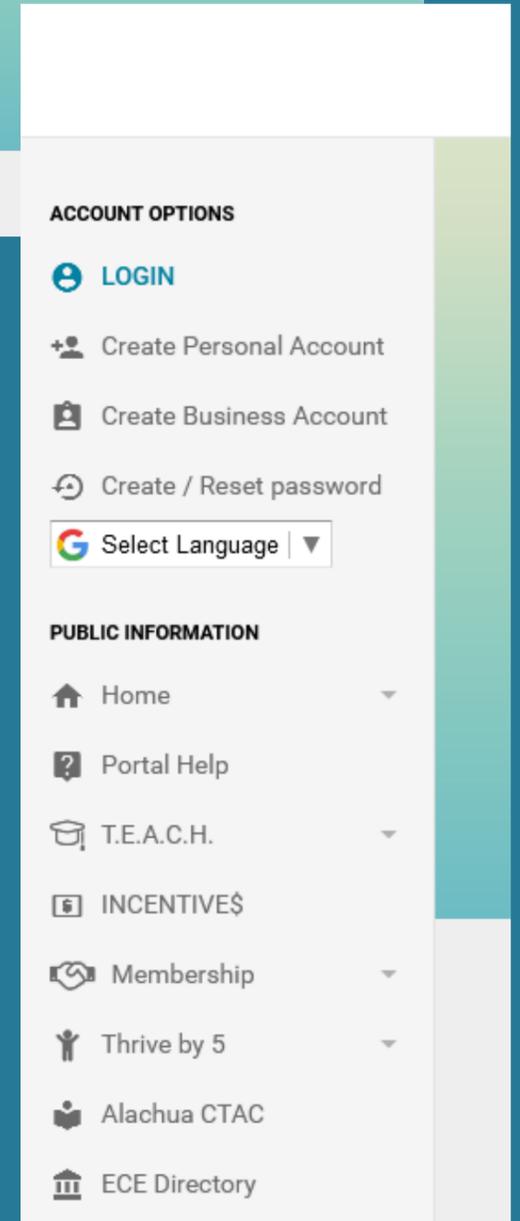
- All T.E.A.C.H. and INCENTIVE\$ applications must be submitted online
- Children's Forum portal accounts required
 - Applicants = Personal account
 - Sponsors/Employers = Business account



Call T.E.A.C.H. & INCENTIVE\$
Program Staff at 850-487-6300
with questions



Scan here to access the Children's
Forum Portal & start the applications



ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S FORUM PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- Gold Seal Quality Care Program
- Children's Week Florida™
- Assessment & Coaching (CLASS)
- Help Me Grow® Florida
- Professional Development Registry
- Early Learning Career Center (Thrive By 5 / Miami-Dade)



Early Learning Career Center



AMBASSADORS

As an Early Learning Quality Initiatives Ambassador:

- Create a network of early childhood professionals who serve as representatives of the Children's Forum Programs and Initiatives
- Help increase community outreach and maximize the impact of T.E.A.C.H., INCENTIVE\$, and other early learning quality initiatives
- Provide information and stories for Children's Forum communications and publications
 - Annual program reports and social media
 - Monthly outreach activity reports
 - T.E.A.C.H. Scholar & INCENTIVE\$ Participant testimonials



MONTHLY OUTREACH ACTIVITY REPORT

- Required monthly report of your activity and outreach efforts
 - Submitted as a PDF via email or online form
- Outreach efforts can include:
 - Phone calls
 - Emails
 - Meetings
 - Resource/Exhibit Tables
 - Technical Assistance

Ambassador Information
Organization / Agency / Training Institution *
Daytona State College
Ambassador Name *
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Job Title
Professor Assistant Chair
Month *
May
Year *
2023

Outreach Activity 1
Activity Type
Social Media Post
Activity Date
05/07/2023
<small>If your outreach activity was providing technical assistance at several points over the month or a promotional share of TE.A.C.H. on your organization's website, please enter the start date of the activity here. (e.g., May 1, 2023)</small>
Activity End Date
05/07/2023
<small>Please list the end date of the activity here, if applicable. (e.g., May 31, 2023)</small>
Audience Reached
200
<small>(e.g., estimated # of individuals)</small>
Outreach Method
Virtual
Materials Distributed

Ambassadors will receive a report reminder each month!

PROGRAM MATERIALS ORDER

- Active Ambassadors can request free materials by submitting a Program Materials Order Form (online)
- Allow ten (10) business days processing time for orders
- We will do our best to fulfill your request or provide alternative suggestions (when applicable)



Materials subject to change and based on availability

Call the Children's Forum Outreach Team at
850-487-6300 for more information

PROGRAM QUESTIONS?

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