



# T.E.A.C.H. EARLY CHILDHOOD<sup>®</sup> SCHOLARSHIP AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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# T.E.A.C.H. AMBASSADOR REFRESHER

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- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Overview & Updates
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  - Updated Scholarship Models
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# WHAT IS T.E.A.C.H.?

## (TEACHER EDUCATION AND COMPENSATION HELPS)

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

- 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

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

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

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T.E.A.C.H. provides scholarships for early childhood educators for continuing education:

- Staff Credential (Initial or Renewal)
  - Director Credential (Initial or Renewal)
  - National CDA (Assessment or Renewal)
  - 3-6 Credit Hour Model (one semester)
  - Infant-Toddler Certificate (12 college credit program)
  - Associate Degree
    - Early Childhood Education
    - Youth Development
    - Early Childhood Management
  - Bachelor's Degree
    - Early Childhood Education
  - Master's Degree
    - Early Childhood Educational Leadership
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# COMPENSATION

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T.E.A.C.H. provides the following 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 (up to \$1,500)
  - Essential technology purchase reimbursement for active scholars (90% reimburse = up to \$500)
  - A paid release time reimbursement for the sponsoring program - center/facility or family child care home (FL minimum wage + \$2.00/hr = \$12.00 for FY 2020-21)
  - Counseling and administrative support
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# T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARSHIP MODELS

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Call T.E.A.C.H. Application Process  
Specialists and Counselors  
at 850-487-6300 for assistance  
or any questions

Scan here to view the  
updated scholarship  
model booklet  
(May 2022)



Now available for  
download!

# T.E.A.C.H. SCHOLARSHIP MODELS (CONT.)

## T.E.A.C.H. scholarship model improvements:

- Student Stipends
  - Increased to \$250 per semester (\$125)
  - Infant Toddler Certificate up to \$300 (\$150)
- Completion bonuses
  - Credential increases
    - Staff: \$1,500 (\$350)
    - Director: \$600 (\$300)
    - NCDA Assessment: \$1,500 (\$250)
    - Renewals: \$500 (\$250)
- Completion bonuses
  - 3-6 Credit Model: \$500 (\$250)
  - Infant Toddler Certificate: \$1,200 (\$600)
  - Associate, Bachelor's & Masters Degrees:
    - Tiered bonus structure increased to \$800-\$1,200 (\$400-\$600)
    - Higher amount awarded for 13+ credit hours

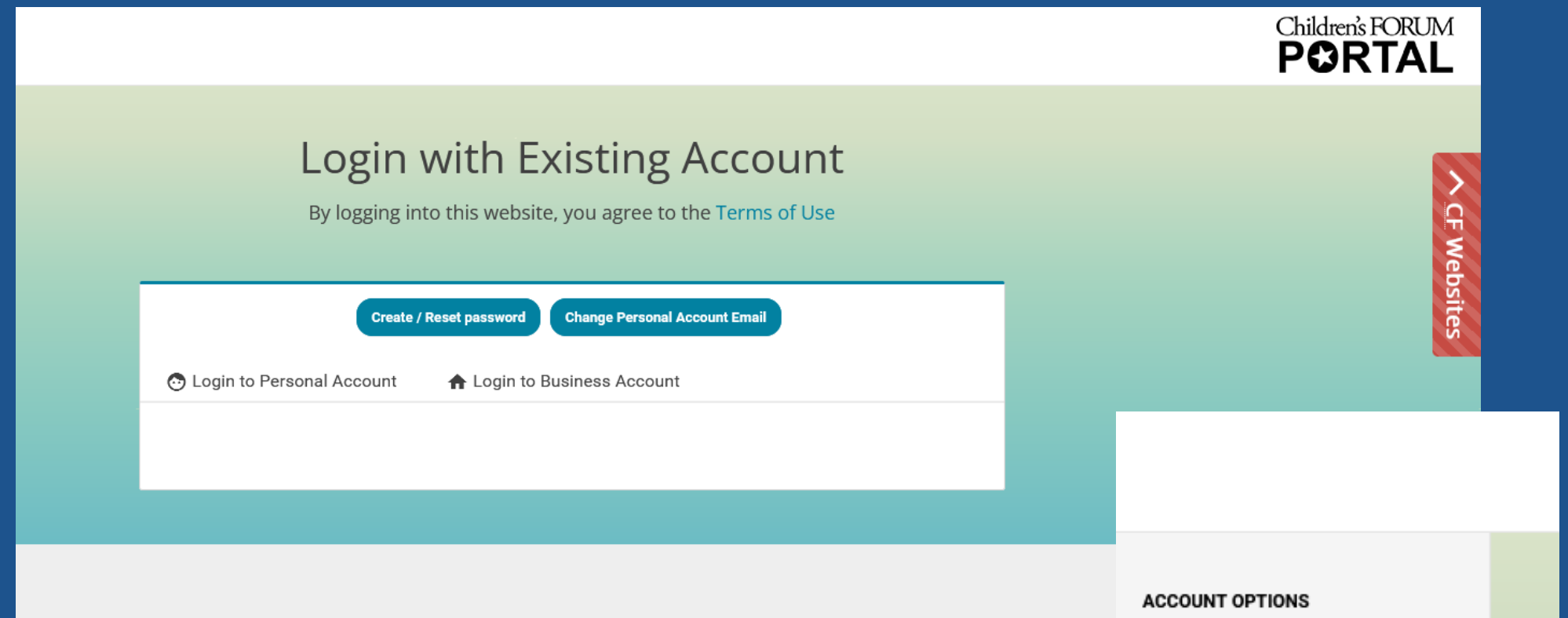
Note: Items listed are for Center Teacher.  
Bonus amounts differ based upon scholar's position (i.e. Teacher, FCCH, Director or Owner).



# CHILDREN'S FORUM PORTAL

All T.E.A.C.H. scholars and sponsors  
required to have a portal account by  
[July 1, 2022](#)

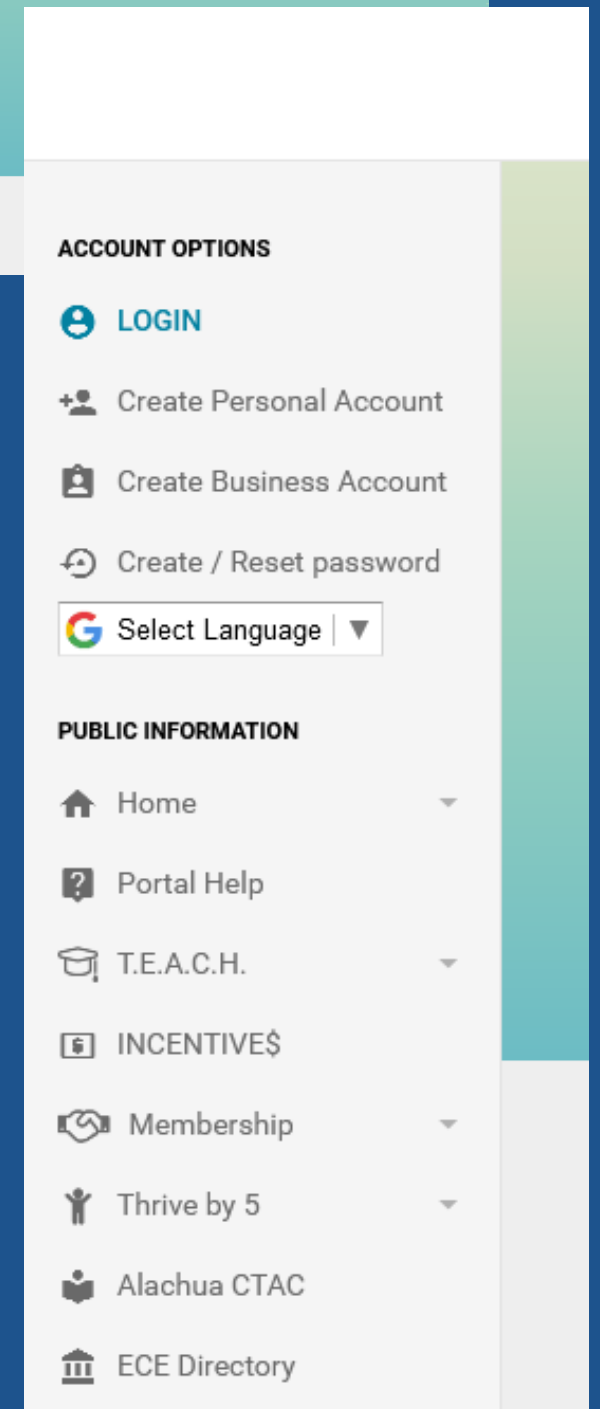
- Scholars = Personal account
- Sponsors = Business account



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Scan here to access the Children's  
Forum Portal & T.E.A.C.H. application



# ONLINE APPLICATION

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T.E.A.C.H. applicants will need the following information:

- Personal email address to create a Children's Forum portal account
- Proof of Florida residency
- Proof of high school diploma or GED
- DCF transcript
- Copies of ECE certificates and/or college transcripts
- Approval and sponsorship from your employer\*
- Sponsoring program's email address
- DCF License number for sponsoring program
- School or training program you wish to attend
  - Check ECE Training Directory for available options

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\*Many scholarship models require a sponsor to verify employment. Sponsoring programs will need to create and use a Children's Forum Business Account to provide information and/or payments. Scholars should speak to their employer about T.E.A.C.H. before they apply.



# T.E.A.C.H. AMBASSADORS

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Your role and duties as a T.E.A.C.H. Ambassador:

- Serve as liaisons for T.E.A.C.H. in their local communities
  - Help increase community and statewide outreach
  - Provide information and stories for annual reporting and T.E.A.C.H. National
    - Monthly outreach activity reports
    - T.E.A.C.H. Scholar testimonials
  - INCENTIVE\$ Ambassadors needed in Broward, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, and Osceola counties!
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Early Childhood Educator  
**INCENTIVE\$**  
Florida  
[incentives-fl.org](http://incentives-fl.org)



# PROGRAM MATERIALS ORDER

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




Availability of materials subject to change

Call the T.E.A.C.H. Outreach Team at  
850-487-6300 with questions



# MONTHLY OUTREACH ACTIVITY REPORT

- Required monthly report of your activity and outreach efforts
- Outreach efforts can include:
  - Phone calls
  - Emails
  - Meetings
  - Resource/Exhibit Tables
  - Technical Assistance



**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program**  
**Ambassador Outreach Monthly Report**

*Please complete this form and submit it to [TEACHOutreach@thechildrensforum.com](mailto:TEACHOutreach@thechildrensforum.com) by the 20th day of the following month (e.g., January's form is due by February 20th).*

**Ambassador Name:**  **Job Title:**

**Organization / Agency / Training Institution:**

Month:  ▼

MONTHLY SERVICE REPORT

| Meeting / Conference / Activity / Event   | Date | Estimated # of Individuals Reached (e.g., Audience) | Outreach Method          |                          | Materials Distributed                            |  |                       |
|---|------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
|   |      |   | In-person                | Virtual                  | T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Model Brochures (Eng/Spn) | T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program Flyers (Director, FCCH, Head Start) | T.E.A.C.H. Rack Cards |
| 1 <input style="width: 90%; height: 100%;" type="text" value="Select Activity"/> <span style="float: right; font-size: 0.8em;">▼</span> |      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |                       |
| <b>Event Details / Notes:</b>   |      |   |                          |                          |  |  |                       |
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Ambassadors will receive a report reminder each month (via email)



## QUESTIONS?

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Please contact the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program Outreach Team

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