



Dear T.E.A.C.H. Active Scholar,

September 2017

You may have heard that our budget was affected during the last legislative session. We were anticipating that our full \$10 million budget would be restored in September; unfortunately, this did not happen. T.E.A.C.H. continues to operate this year with a reduced budget of \$6.6 million.

Please note, we are able to maintain our support of current active scholars. Your scholarship is safe.

If you have coworkers who are interested in a scholarship for next year, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible. Applications received after June 30, 2017 are being processed on a first-come, first-served basis. No new scholarships will be awarded until summer 2018. Due to extremely high volume, incomplete applications cannot be processed and will be returned.

Budget cuts like this are always a possibility. You may wish to contact your local legislator to explain the importance of continued education in the early care and education field and its positive impact on the children in your care. Please contact your T.E.A.C.H. counselor if you have any questions.

Search for your legislator: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/Find>

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Link to Sample Letter to legislators: <http://teach-fl.org/communicatewithlegislator>

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