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Dear Family Child Care Provider,

Enclosed is an application packet for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program. Before applying, read this entire application packet to ensure you understand the benefits and responsibilities of this scholarship. T.E.A.C.H. is a comprehensive program encompassing much more than paying for tuition. While T.E.A.C.H. helps you attain your educational goals, it also provides cash bonuses in an effort to increase child care wages, and it works to reduce turnover in the child care field by requiring a commitment from you to continue operating your current child care business after completion of the coursework. In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must submit:

1. All 4 pages of the application, fully completed
2. Income verification for each source of household income

Complete applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to intended enrollment. Incomplete applications will result in a delay of consideration or denial of a scholarship. At times there may be a waiting list for scholarships.

Once we receive your application, we will review it to determine your eligibility and will notify you in writing if you have been accepted, denied, whether we need more information, or whether you've been added to a waiting list. The following list outlines some of the criteria we use to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or believe you have a valid exception to these criteria, please call our office before submitting the application.

- **Must be providing licensed child care for at least 32 hours per week**
- **Must have worked for one year at current family child care business**
- **Net income must not exceed \$15.00/hour (individual determination will be given to family child care providers with inconsistent or fluctuating income)**

The completed forms can be returned by mail to T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® at Qualistar Early Learning or by fax (address and number at top). If you are approved for a scholarship, you will receive a contract and further instructions by mail. We thank you for your interest in T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®. We look forward to working with you to increase the professionalism and quality of Early Childhood Education in Colorado!

Sincerely,

Kacee Austin
T.E.A.C.H. Coordinator

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®

Facts and Program Information for Family Providers

What is T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®?

T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® provides educational scholarship opportunities for child care professionals. Participants receive scholarships to earn undergraduate level Early Childhood Education Credentials, an Early Childhood Associates Degree or an Early Childhood Bachelor's Degree.

Why is T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® needed in Colorado?

- Research indicates that both higher education and specialized training in early childhood education are critical indicators of quality in a child's care experience.
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® assists teachers, directors, and family child care providers in going back to school to earn more education.
- Colorado child care professionals receive very low wages. On average, child care center teachers earn between \$7 and \$10 per hour and family providers net between \$4 and \$7 per hour.
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® provides a financial bonus upon completion of a scholarship contract.
- Colorado has a child care provider turnover rate that has been estimated anywhere between 24 - 67% per year (depending on how it is calculated), compared to an average of 9.6% for all U.S. companies.
T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® requires that participants agree to remain in child care for six months to one year following the successful completion of the education requirements, thereby reducing turnover.

Who can participate in T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®?

The scholarship recipient must meet the following criteria:

1. A qualified applicant must provide licensed child care in their home for a minimum of 32 hours per week. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis for school-age providers and other part time programs.
2. Net income is not to exceed \$20/hour for family providers.
3. The applicant must have a minimum of one year of experience operating their current child care business.
4. The applicant must have the financial resources to pay for 20% of their tuition costs because T.E.A.C.H. pays for 80%.

What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?

The applicant agrees to complete either 6 or 12 semester credit hours with grades of C or better at a participating accredited college within one year. They also commit to continuing their family child care business for a minimum of six months to one year upon completion of the educational contract requirements. Scholarship recipients meeting their responsibilities may reapply for additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to continue working toward their educational goal.

How are the scholarships funded?

A partnership exists between the participant, the sponsoring child care program and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®. The attached scholarship matrix provides the dollar amounts each partner contributes under each type of scholarship. Currently, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® is funded by CCDBG/CCDF funds through the Colorado Department of Human Services' Division of Child Care, by El Paso, Pueblo and Yuma Counties and/or Consolidated Child Care Pilots, by the city of Aspen and by the Piton Foundation.

What are the goals of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®?

- To increase the knowledge base of teachers working with young children, thus improving the care children receive;
- To encourage child care programs to support the continuing education of their staff;
- To provide increased compensation that is directly related to increased education;
- To reduce caregiver turnover by requiring a work commitment to the child care program from each scholarship recipient;
- To provide a sequential professional development path for child care professionals;
- To generate a collaborative funding base for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® through state and federal funds, foundations, and additional corporate partnerships;
- To create a model of partnership for improving the quality of care that children receive in Colorado.

For scholarship applications and additional information contact the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Coordinator:

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Colorado T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Matrix

	6 Credits Community College		12 Credits Community College		6 Credits 4 Year College		12 Credits 4 Year College	
Tuition	Total Tuition/Fees = \$500		Total Tuition/Fees = \$1,000		Total Tuition/Fees = \$900		Total Tuition/Fees = \$1800	
	Center Employee	Family Provider	Center Employee	Family Provider	Center Employee	Family Provider	Center Employee	Family Provider
	80% TEACH (max \$400) 20% Center 0% Employee	80% TEACH (max \$400) 20% Family Provider	80% TEACH (max \$800) 15% Center 5% Employee	80% TEACH (max \$800) 20% Family Provider	80% TEACH (max \$720) 15% Center 5% Employee	80% TEACH (max \$720) 20% Family Provider	80% TEACH (max \$1440) 15% Center 5% Employee	80% TEACH (max \$1440) 20% Family Provider
Expenses	\$175 Books and/or approved related expenses \$50 Travel		\$350 Books and/or approved related expenses \$50 Travel		\$175 Books and/or approved related expenses \$50 Travel		\$350 Books and/or approved related expenses \$50 Travel	
Center Support	Not applicable		\$300 for substitute/release time (up to 60 hours per scholarship)		Not applicable		\$300 for substitute/release time (up to 60 hours per scholarship)	
Education	6 Credits leading to a Colorado Early Childhood Credential or Associates degree in Early Childhood Education		12 Credits leading to a Colorado Early Childhood Credential or Associates degree in Early Childhood Education		6 Credits leading to a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education		12 Credits leading to a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education	
Commitment	6 months of continued employment at current child care program		1 year of continued employment at current child care program		6 months of continued employment at current child care program		1 year of continued employment at current child care program	
Compensation	Center Employee	Family Provider	Center Employee	Family Provider	Center Employee	Family Provider	Center Employee	Family Provider
	\$175 bonus from TEACH after coursework, \$75 bonus from center after work commitment	\$175 bonus from TEACH after coursework	\$375 bonus from TEACH after coursework, \$325 bonus from center after work commitment	\$375 bonus from TEACH after coursework	\$175 bonus from TEACH after coursework, \$75 bonus from center after work commitment	\$175 bonus from TEACH after coursework	\$375 bonus from TEACH after coursework, \$325 bonus from center after work commitment	\$375 bonus from TEACH after coursework

All classes must take place at a regionally accredited college and approved Early Childhood Education/Professions program. Priority will be given to classes that fall under “Colorado Core Knowledge and Standards” core curriculum.

These dollar amounts are based on the *average* cost of tuition at Colorado’s major community colleges and four-year state colleges.



Scholarship Application for Family Child Care Professionals

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Date: _____ Social Security #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (Cell/other) _____

Email Address (if used): _____

Employment

Name of Business (if applicable): _____ License #: _____

License Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Family Child Care Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infant Toddler Family Child Care Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced Family Child Care Provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care Home Approved for 3 under 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Hours per week: _____ Hourly wage (estimate): _____ Date of license: ____/____/____

Current Child Care Enrollment: _____ Desired Child Care Enrollment: _____

With what age group do you work? (Check one): Combination Infants/Toddlers
 Preschoolers School-age

Do you work year-round? Yes No If not, please explain: _____

Demographic Information

(The following questions are optional and will be used for reporting purposes only)

Family Size: _____ Family Type: Single, no kids Married, no kids
 Single parent Married parent

Race: Black/African American White/European American
 Hispanic/Latino/Latina American Indian/Native American
 Asian Pacific Islander Multiracial Other _____

How did you find out about T.E.A.C.H.®? Presentation Mailing
 R&R Agency College
 Center/Director/Coworker Educare Colorado
 Qualistar Web Site Consolidated Pilot
 Other _____

Educational Background



High School	Dates Attended	Diploma	G.E.D.
		___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No

College/Technical	Dates Attended	Major (s)	Degrees or # of Credits

Which college would you like to attend? _____

Do you plan to take online (internet) or correspondence courses? Online Correspondence
 Neither Don't know yet

When would you like to begin your T.E.A.C.H. scholarship? Summer semester
 Fall semester
 Spring semester

For which type of T.E.A.C.H. scholarship are you applying? 6-credit 12-credit

Remember, you can finish all the required credits within one semester or spread them out as long as one calendar year. You may then reapply for another scholarship if you wish to continue toward your educational goal.

Are you currently involved in an Early Childhood Degree program at a Colorado college? Yes No

If yes, which degree/credential are you working on? _____

What are your personal and professional goals in early childhood education? Describe how a degree or credential will help you achieve these goals. _____

Is there anything else about yourself that you would like us to consider when reviewing this application?

Please list three personal or professional references.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Title/Relationship



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®
Scholarship Application - Statement of Income for Family Child Care Providers

Instructions: List sources of income available to you.
Family child care providers must complete the *Monthly Income Sheet* attached
(please complete before filling out this form).

APPLICANT'S INCOME

- A. Annual Earnings Job #1 \$ _____/year
(FROM MONTHLY INCOME SHEET, ATTACHED)
- B. Name of Employer #1 _____
- C. Hours per week _____
- D. Annual Earnings Job #2 \$ _____/year
- E. Name of Employer #2 _____
- F. Hours per week _____
- G. Are you a student? Yes (go to H and I) No (go to J)
- H. Scholarships/Grants \$ _____
- I. Student Loans \$ _____
- J. Child Support/Spousal Maintenance \$ _____/month
- K. TANF/SSI \$ _____/month
- L. Your Total Income \$ _____/year**
- M. Your Spouse's Gross Income \$ _____/year**
- N. Total Income (Add lines L + M) \$ _____/year**

Statement and Signature of Applicant

I attest to the fact that the information I have provided is true and accurate. Based on this information I am applying to T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® for a scholarship to help pay for educational expenses.

Signature of Applicant

Date



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®

Monthly Income Sheet

Instructions: This sheet is to help you determine your monthly earnings from your family child care program. For each question, use the amount you made or spent last month. Special instructions are in italics.

You must include verification of your income such as copies of receipts from each of the children in your care or a signed statement from each parent with the amount they pay you each week.

1. What is the total amount paid to you by parents each week? \$ _____
(Multiply for weeks/month) X 4.33
2. Total Monthly Parent Fees \$ _____
3. How much was your Child & Adult Care Food Program reimbursement? \$ _____
4. How much was the DSS subsidy (CCCAP) for children in your care? \$ _____
5. **Total Monthly Revenue**
(Add lines 2, 3 and 4) \$ _____

How much did you spend for children in your day care home last month on the following?

6. Food \$ _____
7. Toys \$ _____
8. Assistant/Substitute Care \$ _____
9. Crafts/Supplies \$ _____
10. Transportation (\$0.25/mile) \$ _____
11. Training Fees \$ _____
12. Gifts for Children/Families \$ _____
13. Other (specify) _____ \$ _____
14. **Total Monthly Expenses**
(Add lines 6 - 13) \$ _____

_____ \$ _____
Revenue (Line 5)

_____ \$ _____
Expenses (Line 14)

_____ \$ _____
**Monthly Earnings
(Line A)**