



## ***Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children***

### **Are You Ready to Get a Bachelor Degree?**

A bachelor degree scholarship program is now being offered by T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Iowa. Pam Ellis is the T.E.A.C.H. Counseling Specialist working with the bachelor scholarship participants. You can contact her by email [pam@iowaaeyc.org](mailto:pam@iowaaeyc.org) or by phone (515) 331-8000 ext. 17.

#### **Who can apply?**

Anyone who has been currently working in a regulated child care program or preschool for the past six months and has already completed at least 60 college credits. (If you don't have 60 credits, T.E.A.C.H. can support you to get them with a different scholarship program!) Provide proof of participation in or documentation towards progress on a quality initiative such as QRS, QPPS, Head Start, or NAEYC/NAFCC accreditation.

#### **Where can I attend college?**

You can go to any of Iowa's accredited colleges or universities. Keep in mind that we will support tuition only up to the undergraduate rate charged by the public universities (which is currently \$277.00. per credit hour). If you choose a local private college, you will have to pay the additional cost yourself or through other forms of financial aid. You can search for potential colleges on our website at [www.iowaaeyc.org](http://www.iowaaeyc.org).

#### **What can I study?**

We will support early childhood bachelor degrees and the early childhood endorsement requirements if you have a bachelor degree or teacher licensure at another level. We won't fund elementary education degrees or other degrees without the early childhood endorsement.

#### **How many credits do I need to take?**

Each T.E.A.C.H. contract is good for one year. You need to take a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 20 credits each year.

#### **What is my commitment?**

You will agree to pay a smaller percentage of your tuition and books (depending on your contract type) and you will agree to remain employed in your current program or family child development home setting for the year of your T.E.A.C.H. contract AND the year after your contract ends.

#### **How do I get started?**

Contact [teach@iowaaeyc.org](mailto:teach@iowaaeyc.org) or (515) 331-8000 Ext. 17 for an application packet for T.E.A.C.H. funding.

Complete your federal financial aid application on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for the current school year.

Choose 2-3 colleges or universities to consider and find out about their early childhood programs and admissions requirements.

When you've chosen a college or university, send them your transcripts and find out what credits you already have that will transfer. If you find that you have general education requirements that you can more easily and more inexpensively take at a nearby community college, we recommend that you do an associate level T.E.A.C.H. scholarship before moving onto the bachelor scholarship.

You may also check out our website [www.iowaaeyc.org](http://www.iowaaeyc.org) for more information!

100 = Birth-Grade 3, including Special Ed (Unified)

103 = PreK-K

106 = PreK-Grade 3

262 = EC Special Ed (only at ISU/UNI)

Iowa Accredited College or University	EC Endorsements or ECE Degrees Offered
Ashford University	103 on campus
Buena Vista University	103 (online only)
Dordt College	106
Drake University	100, 103
Graceland University	106
Iowa State University - on campus	262, 100 (on campus with BS in ECE - leads to licensure), BS Child, Adult & Family Services (no licensure)
Iowa State University - online	BS Early Childcare Education and Programming (online only - no licensure)
Iowa Wesleyan College	103, BA in ECE
Kaplan University	BS EC Dev. (online only - no licensure)
Loras College	100, 106
Luther College	103
Morningside College	103 (online only)
Mount Mercy College	100, 103, 106, BS in ECE
Northwestern College	100, 106 (online or on campus)
Saint Ambrose University	100, 103, BA in ECE
Simpson College	106
University of Dubuque	103
University of Iowa	103
University of Northern Iowa	100, 262, BA in ECE
Upper Iowa University	103, 103, 106, BA in PreK-Grade 3, BA in PreK-Grade 3 including Special Education
Wartburg College	103