## Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children

# T.E.A.C.H.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Vermont is a scholarship program for early childhood educators that provides access to debt-free educational opportunities.

This program was designed to establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable early childhood workforce for our children in the Green Mountain State.

## **BACHELOR'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP MODEL**

T.E.A.C.H. offers scholarship funds to take courses toward a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. It is a partnership between the recipient, the program where they are employed, and the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any early childhood educator who works at least 30 hours a week at a center or home-based program that is registered or licensed with the State of Vermont. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the field, as shown through information provided on the application.

#### **BENEFITS & COMMITMENTS**

Recipients are awarded funding for 80% of tuition and 90% of books, a stipend to cover the costs of accessing classes each semester, and a bonus and/or annual raise. In return, they must meet their portion of costs and commit to one more year at their sponsoring program. Employers are partially reimbursed for the recipient's paid time off and provided counseling and administrative support.

#### WHERE YOU CAN EARN YOUR DEGREE

- Northern Vermont University
- Saint Michael's College
- Springfield College
- Champlain College
- Castleton University



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#### **Scholarship Benefits CENTER TEACHER & DIRECTOR/OWNER** & Commitments YOUR BENEFITS: FAMILY CHILD CARE TUITION - 80o/:covered **YOUR BENEFITS:** BOOKS - 90% covered TUITION 80%-S 0 BOOKS - 90% covered "Access Stipend" Paid time off \$500 Bonus covers costs to from work attend classes (teachers only) S S Paid time off \$500 Bonus "Access Stipend" from work covers costs to YOUR COMMITMENTS: attend classes TUITION -10% YOUR COMMITMENTS: BOOKS-10% TUITION - 20% BOOKS - 10 o/c o Earning 9-15 One more year college credits at your program **EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION:** Earning 9-15 One more year college credits at your program **TUITION -10% Questions? CONTACT:** Brenda Schramm, ECE Workforce Development Dir. brenda.schramm@vtaeyc.org \$300 bonus+ Paid time off 1.5% annual raise from work Mandi Menard, ECE Program Specialist \* Directors can choose between a \$500 bonus amanda.menard@vtaeyc.org or 1.5% annual raise (suggested for owners)