

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Missouri



2016 Annual Report



T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI components:

- Comprehensive Scholarships-
Support for child care educators to access college courses towards a degree without debt.
- College Education-Sponsor 9 to 15 college credit hours over 3 consecutive semesters.
- Compensation-Upon successful completion of coursework, scholarship recipients receive a \$450 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI with a possible match from the sponsoring employer depending on the scholarship level
- Commitment– Recipients pledge to complete 6-12 months of continued service to children at their sponsoring facility or in the field of early care after the educational year.
- Career Counseling - Access to a Scholarship Counselor in navigating the college and scholarship processes.

By the Numbers:

- 327 scholarships awarded
- 4032 college credit hours earned
- 3.2 average GPA
- 138 recipients were the first in their family to attend college
- \$9.80 average hourly wage for recipients

T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI Scholarships support Child Development Associate coursework, Associate, and Bachelor's degrees, and student teaching with and without state certification.

Sponsoring Employers

- 154 Center based sponsors
- 9 Family child care business sponsors
- 13 Missouri Preschool Program Sponsors
- 8 Head Start program sponsors

Higher Education Support

- 22 Missouri-based Colleges and Universities supported by Missouri funding
- Over \$443,000 invested in colleges and universities throughout the state



2016 Outcomes

- 11 college credit hours earned per contract
- 5% average increase in salary per completed contract
- 97% retention of recipients with completed contract

T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI is an educational scholarship opportunity for early childhood staff in licensed child care. The scholarship is part of a nationwide effort to increase quality in child care and early learning programs by increasing the educational qualifications of the teachers in the field. Missouri is one of 25 states offering this very successful evidence-based program.



"It is a great scholarship for people working in the field, because T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI understands what you need to do to jump over the hurdles. To accomplish those goal of earning your degree at your own pace. You can't beat the cost of getting my education without taking out loans. It fits my needs!" - Veronica Blockton

Veronica is an example of what makes the T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI scholarship a success for early childhood educators. She has been able to continue working, while going to school at her own pace. Veronica has earned her Associate degree and begun earning a Bachelor's degree. Using her T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI scholarship, she is earning her degrees virtually debt free. Additionally, Veronica has utilized access to a T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI Scholarship Counselor to help her navigate the opportunities and challenges of higher education. Through T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI, Veronica is accomplishing her goals while providing children with high-quality care.



Veronica Blockton—T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI
Recipient

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