



How is T.E.A.C.H. funded?

T.E.A.C.H. is funded by Federal, State and Local funds. Our current funders include:

- **The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).** In all 88 Ohio counties they fund Associate Degree scholarships for Step Up to Quality star rated programs, CDA college Credit scholarships, and CDA Assessment Fee scholarships.
- **Starting Point (Cuyahoga County).** In Cuyahoga County they fund Bachelor and Associate degree scholarships for Type B professionals and programs not yet part of Step Up To Quality.
- **The United Way of Central Ohio.** In Franklin County they fund Associate Degree scholarships for programs not yet part of Step Up To Quality.
- **The United Way of Greater Cincinnati.** In Hamilton County they fund Associate Degree scholarships for programs working toward Step Up To Quality rating, and Bachelor scholarships at Step Up To Quality rated programs.

What do Funders pay for? Funders pay for 80% of tuition costs, 80% of book costs, \$180 per contract for travel/internet stipend, \$300 per contract for a bonus, and \$8 per hour for release time reimbursement. Funders also pay the administrative costs for OCCRRA to provide the T.E.A.C.H. program and administer each contract. Funding a contact can cost between \$2,000 and \$6,000 per year and depends on many variables including:

- tuition cost at the college the scholar is attending,
- whether the scholar receives a PELL grant (which reduces tuition and book costs for the funder)
- cost of books

- whether or not a bonus is earned
- how much release time is used

Who can become a funder? Anyone! T.E.A.C.H. relies on local funders to supplement the Federal and State dollars we receive. Does your organization want to support Early Childhood Professionals, and Child Care program quality? Fund T.E.A.C.H. scholarships! Contact us to find out how: teach@occr.org