

CU-TEACH Benefits



To apply for the TEACH scholarship, go to <https://www.miaeyc.org/professional-development/t-e-a-c-h-scholarships/>

As a TEACH Sponsor, Community Unlimited will:

- Work with TEACH to contribute 10% of your tuition, fees, and books up to a maximum of 6 credits per semester.
- Provide paid release time* if you are regularly scheduled for at least 30 hours per week. (*subject to restrictions and planning)
- Pay a bonus to you once TEACH has notified CU of the successful completion of your annual TEACH Contract.
- TEACH has a very specific process that you must follow to be approved for a TEACH Scholarship. You will work directly with your TEACH counselor as well as your college counselor.
- Any forms that TEACH needs completed by Community Unlimited, can be sent to Jolene Yeakey at jyeakey@communityunlimited.org. She will get them completed and returned to you or to TEACH, depending on the form.

Answers to TEACH questions you might have:

- **Do I qualify for CU Sponsorship if I'm applying for a TEACH Scholarship to work on my Master's Degree?** The Master's Degree TEACH Scholarship is a stipend program which means there is no employer sponsorship. CU will definitely offer you emotional support and help you schedule any time off needs that you have.
- **Do I qualify for CU Sponsorship if I'm applying for the TEACH Scholarship to earn my CDA credential?** Maybe.
 - *Are you already finished with all of your training hours and work experience hours and are just using the TEACH Scholarship to help pay for your CDA Assessment?* The CDA Assessment Scholarship is a stipend program so there is no employer sponsorship.
 - *Are you needing to take college classes to get your training hours to be able to complete your CDA?* TEACH will have you apply for the Associates Degree Scholarship so you can complete your CDA training college classes while on a 1 year TEACH Scholarship Contract and CU will sponsor your TEACH Scholarship Contract. (Note: You are NOT required to complete an Associates Degree if you are just on the Associates Degree Contract to get your CDA credential training hours.)
- **I'm in the middle of TEACH Scholarship Contract for my Bachelor's/Associates Degree. Will I be able to be sponsored by CU?** You will be able to be sponsored by CU on your next yearly TEACH Scholarship Contract. If you very recently started your most recent TEACH Scholarship Contract, contact your TEACH counselor to see if you can get switched over. If you are in the middle or near the end of your current TEACH Scholarship Contract, you will have to wait until renewal. TEACH will have you reapply and CU will be able to sponsor you.
- **Will I receive paid release time if I am taking summer classes?** No. You will only receive paid release time* when you are normally scheduled to work at least 30 hours per week. Summer is a great time to take classes though since most of you are not working full time so we would greatly encourage you to take them during the summer.
- **What are the restrictions and planning requirements on paid release time?** TEACH requires Sponsors to provide up to 3 hours per college semester week of paid release time. This time needs to be scheduled when it is most beneficial not only for the employee but also for the classroom (including your teaching team and students). CU will work with you during the 1st week (or 2) of your semester to come up with a schedule that works for everyone. Many staff have said that they would prefer the time off to be in 1 or 2 chunks of time to finish large projects or study for exams. If you are taking a 15-week semester of classes, we will provide you with up to 45 hours of paid release time. This will take coordination of your classroom schedule, available substitutes, and your college class schedule. We will work together to come up with a plan.