



Financial Supports and Systems for Early Educator Career Pathways

<u>High School Career and Technical Education</u>	State of Tennessee/Local County	Provides high school students with no-cost coursework (including for college credit) and, in partnership with TECTA, the opportunity to gain an industry credential (Child Development Associate) before graduating.
<u>TN Promise</u>	State of Tennessee	Opportunity for high school graduates to attend community or technical college free of tuition and mandatory fees
<u>TN Reconnect</u>	State of Tennessee	Opportunity for adults to return to higher education and pursue an associate degree or technical degree free of tuition and mandatory fees
<u>Tennessee Grow Your Own</u>	State of Tennessee	Supports Teacher Occupation Apprenticeship programs between school districts and Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs)
<u>TN Future Teacher Scholarship</u>	State of Tennessee	Provides college students enrolled in an Educator Prep Program with scholarship in exchange for 4 years of service as a public school teacher in Tennessee
<u>Minority Teaching Fellows Program</u>	State of Tennessee	Provides a scholarship for minority college students who pursue a teacher certification and commit to teach in a Tennessee public school teacher for at least a year
<u>Tennessee Student Assistance Award</u>	State of Tennessee	Provides financial assistance to economically disadvantaged undergraduate Tennessee students
<u>Tennessee Hope Scholarship</u>	State of Tennessee	Provides scholarships to eligible high school graduates for tuition at four-year and two-year colleges and universities
<u>TN Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA)</u>	TECTA	Opportunity to receive financial assistance for CDA credential and/or degree in early childhood education or child development
<u>WAGE\$ Program</u>	TN Dept. of Human Services (Child Care WAGE\$ TN)	Provides education-based salary supplements to teachers and family childcare educators working with children 0-5
<u>Consolidated Business Grants (CBG) Program</u>	TN Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development	Uses federal WIOA funds to assist businesses to build the skills of their employees. Includes a grant type which provides up to 50% of a trainee's wages during a specified period of training by the employer, as well as grants to pay for apprenticeships.



<u>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Individual Training Account funds</u>	TN Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development	Uses federal WIOA funds to pay for training to support an individual needing training to obtain or retain employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency or wage increases
<u>Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)</u>	US Dept. of Education	Provides loan forgiveness to eligible borrowers who have worked in public service for at least 10-years
<u>Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program</u>	US Dept. of Education	Provides loan forgiveness to those employed as full-time highly qualified teachers for five complete and consecutive years at an elementary school or secondary school that serves low-income students
<u>Federal Perkins Loan Cancellation</u>	US Dept. of Education	Provides loan forgiveness to those employed as full-time highly qualified teachers for five complete and consecutive years at an elementary school or secondary school that serves low-income students

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