

Overview of T.E.A.C.H.

Early Childhood®

Minnesota Scholarships

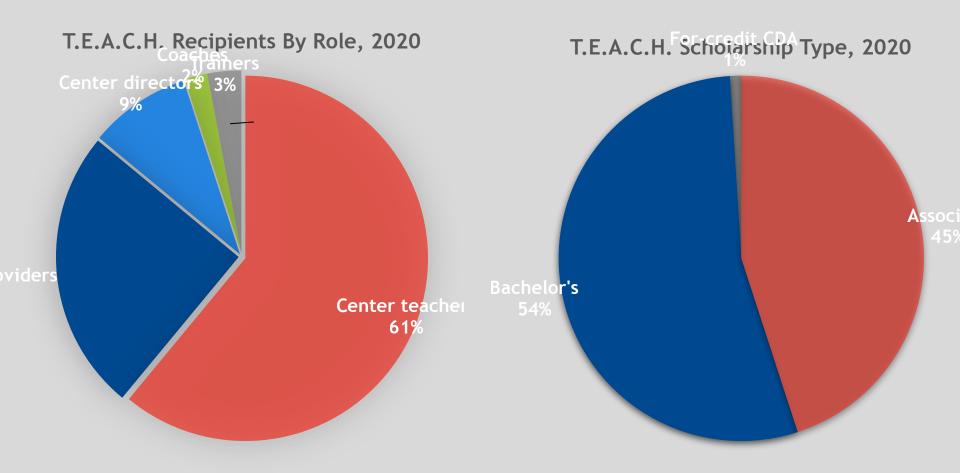
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## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® MINNESOTA Scholarships

- Helps early childhood and school-age care providers increase their levels of education, compensation and commitment to the field.
- Since its inception in 2002, T.E.A.C.H has
  - Expended upwards of \$6 million in scholarship support for Minnesota's early childhood workforce
  - Helped 1,049 early educators increase their education
  - Supported students at over 40 Colleges and Universities across the state.
- Although funding has steadily increased over the past decade, it is still insufficient to serve the need as college costs have increased and the number of providers seeking degrees has gone up.



- Recipients were split proportionately between the **Twin Cities Metro area** (58%) and **Greater MN** (42%)
- 35% of recipients identified as BIPOC early educators

## **REETAIN Bonus Grants**

- Funds eligible child care center classroom and family child care educators. These funds provide a temporary measure of support while they work with children in Minnesota licensed early childhood education programs.
- Since 2003, REETAIN has awarded grants to over **2,050** degreed or credentialed early childhood and school-age care professionals, keeping them in the field teaching our youngest Minnesotans.
- Grants average between \$1,000 and \$3,500 depending on degree or credential. The average grant in FY20 was \$2,270.
- Over half of the qualified early educators who applied for REETAIN funding in 2020 were turned down due to a lack of funding.

## Questions?

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