



# COACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BENEFITING THE TEACHER, EMPLOYER AND CHILDREN

## WHAT is the CLASS Act Scholars Program?

The CLASS Act Scholars of Summit County\* is a **free**, 9-month program that combines the **CL**assroom **A**ssessment **S**coring System® (**CLASS**®) with coaching, peer-to-peer learning, and professional development.

## WHAT does the program cover?

The CLASS Act Scholar program is 12 interactive courses called, "Making the Most of Classroom Interactions" (MMCI). CLASS is a research-based approach that focuses on the essential qualities of children's learning and development. CLASS training is designed to strengthen, support, and empower teachers in ways that drive high-quality teacher/child interactions. Scholars will get access to print and video resources and experience a classroom observation with individual feedback at the beginning and toward the end of the program.

## WHY should I encourage my teachers to apply?

Participating teachers will join a network of professionals creating a valued, celebrated and recognized community of high-quality early educators and come away with new tools and concrete strategies to boost high-quality interactions.



Scan your phone  
here to access the  
application

**Please note: Directors will be asked to provide approval before applicants can be considered for the program.**



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**FREE** to apply. Direct teachers to [www.seisummit.org/CLASS](http://www.seisummit.org/CLASS) to complete the application. The program runs from August 2024 through May 2025.

## CLASS Act Scholar program includes:

- \$250 for their center to purchase classroom materials or other program needs
- \$1,250 stipend upon graduating from the program
- 20 Ohio-Approved credits
- A peer network of Summit County early childhood educators
- One-on-one classroom observation/coaching session
- Access to high-quality print and video resources

## Want more information?

Contact Christine Sullivan  
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[www.seisummit.org/CLASS](http://www.seisummit.org/CLASS)



## Who is eligible to apply?

Any teacher currently teaching preschool-aged children (ages 3-5) in a Summit County preschool or child care center.

- The program is open to current preschool teachers of all educational backgrounds and experience. No minimum teaching qualifications are required. Teachers of all levels will benefit from the program.
- A selection committee will choose 15 applicants to participate in this year's CLASS Act Scholars program.
- The committee seeks applicants who currently work in Summit County and are not only committed to attending all program sessions and events, but who also demonstrate a desire to represent and build the early childhood profession within Summit County in positive ways.

***Participants MUST attend all program sessions and events to receive 20 Ohio-Approved Credits and full cash stipend.***