

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(New Program as of 7/1/07)

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

During the 2007 Legislative session, House Bill 2185 repealed the former Kansas Teacher Service, Mathematics & Science Teacher Service, Special Education Teacher Service and Teacher Education Scholarship Programs and streamlined these programs into one comprehensive teacher scholarship program. This service obligation scholarship program provides financial assistance to both students pursuing bachelor's degree programs and currently licensed teachers pursuing endorsement in hard-to-fill disciplines or master's degrees in hard-to-fill disciplines or either group planning to teach in an underserved geographic area.

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

Knowing that there is an increased need to employ qualified teachers in hard-to-fill disciplines and underserved geographic areas of the state, this program was enacted to increase the number of licensed and fully endorsed teachers in the state of Kansas.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be:

1. A resident of the state of Kansas and attending a Kansas postsecondary institution; **AND**
2. a.) Accepted for admission to, or currently enrolled, in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a teacher in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines* or in an underserved geographic area** of Kansas; **OR**
 b.) Currently licensed as a teacher enrolled in a course of instruction leading to endorsement in one of the hard-to-fill disciplines or teach in one of the underserved geographic areas in Kansas; **OR**
 c.) Currently licensed as a teacher and been accepted for admission or, or enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a master's degree in a field of education as a teacher in a hard-to-fill discipline or in an underserved geographic area of Kansas.

***Hard-to-fill disciplines for 2007-08 are: Special Education, Mathematics, Science, Music, Foreign Language, and English as a Second Language (ESL).**

****Underserved geographic areas for 2007-08 have been identified as: USD 416 Louisburg; USD 373 Newton; USD 500 Kansas City, KS; USD 259 Wichita and State Board of Education Area 5 (which includes all of the western 1/3 of the state of Kansas).**

AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE

Recipients may be eligible for up to \$5,000 (\$2,500/semester) during AY 2007-08 for full-time enrollment, or prorated for part-time enrollment. If a recipient is enrolled part-time, the amount of the award is proportional dependent upon the number of hours that the student is enrolled during an academic year. The funding amount will be as follows:

- 12 + Hours - \$2,500/per semester
- 9 –11 Hours - \$2,000/per semester
- 6 – 8 Hours - \$1,500/per semester
- 3 – 5 Hours - \$1,000/per semester

SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENT

As a condition for receipt of the scholarship, the recipient shall enter into an agreement with the state of Kansas in which they will agree to:

- Complete the required course of instruction leading to licensure and full endorsement in a field of education as a teacher in a hard-to-fill teaching discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the state of Kansas;
- Obtain and maintain necessary licensure and endorsement as specified in the teaching agreement;
- Engage in teaching in a hard-to-fill discipline or in an underserved geographic area in the state of Kansas, within six months of licensure, in an accredited public or private elementary or secondary school on a full-time basis for a period of not less than the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship was awarded or commence teaching on a part-time basis for a period of time that is equivalent to full-time, multiplied by the length of the course of instruction for which the scholarship was awarded.

If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation they will be subject to repaying the amount of the scholarship that they received plus accrued interest at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time the agreement was first entered into plus five percentage points (currently as of 7/1/07 that interest rate is 13.5%.)

Previous recipients of the Kansas Special Education Service and Teacher Education Scholarships are “grandfathered” into those programs and will continue to be able to receive scholarship assistance in the programs that they are currently enrolled. Future recipients must be pursuing licensure and full endorsement in **hard-to-fill teaching disciplines** or plan to teach in an **underserved geographic area** in the state of Kansas.

6. Social Security Number: _____ Phone: (____) _____

7. Date of Birth: _____

8. Race or Ethnicity (optional): African American _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____
Asian/Pacific Islander _____ Hispanic _____ Caucasian/Other _____

B. RESIDENCY INFORMATION

9. When did your physical presence in Kansas begin? _____
Month/Year

C. EDUCATION

10. High School Name: _____ Yr. of Graduation _____
City, State _____

Undergraduate Name: _____ Yr. of Graduation _____
College City, State _____

Did you pay resident tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Graduate Name: _____
College City, State _____
(if applicable)

Did you pay resident tuition? Yes _____ No _____

11. What educational institution will you be attending in 2007-08? _____

12. How many hours will you plan to enroll in for Fall 2007? _____ Spring 2008? _____

D. EMPLOYMENT

13. Are you currently licensed to teach in the state of Kansas? Yes _____ No _____

14. What subject(s) are you currently licensed to teach? _____

15. What subject(s) are you seeking licensure/or full endorsement? _____

16. Present Name of Employer: _____
Employment Address: _____
(Current City, State, Zip _____
Teachers only)

I affirm that all of the above information on this form is true. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____