

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program  
Annual Report – FY 2019**

Iowa Code, section 261.112, requires that the Iowa College Student Aid Commission submit an annual report on the Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program as follows:

261.112

6. The commission shall submit in a report to the general assembly by January 1, annually, the number of students who received loan forgiveness pursuant to this section, which shortage areas the teachers taught in, the amount paid to each program participant, and other information identified by the commission as indicators of outcomes from the program.

The Iowa Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program provides Federal Stafford Loan repayment assistance to teachers serving in high-need positions in Iowa's elementary and secondary schools. Up to 20 percent of a borrower's total Federal Stafford Loan balance may be forgiven each year for up to five consecutive years. The maximum annual award amount may not exceed the average resident tuition rate established by the Iowa Board of Regents for the first year following the recipient's college graduation. In FY 2019 the maximum award was \$7,108 (the average amount of tuition at Iowa's Regent Universities for the 2016-17 academic year).

Teachers must teach in an instructional position in one of the shortage areas defined by the Iowa Department of Education. Non-teaching counselors, principals, early childhood administrators and administrative positions are not eligible under this program.

A total of 59 applicants received loan forgiveness totaling \$224,064 in Fiscal Year 2019. The average loan forgiveness award totaled \$3,798. The chart on the following page provides the shortage areas defined by the Iowa Department of Education and the number of teachers who received loan forgiveness in each area during Fiscal Year 2019.

The following chart provides the shortage areas in which recipients taught.

<b>Recipients Taught in the Following Shortage Areas</b>	<b>Number of Teacher Recipients</b>
Agriculture	4
All Science	5
English as a Second Language	1
Family and Consumer Science	15
Foreign Language	6
Health	1
Hearing Impaired	3
Industrial Technology	10
Instructional Strategist I Mild/Moderate	3
Instructional Strategist II BD/LD	1
Instructional Strategist II MD	4
Professional School Counselor	5
Teacher Librarian	1

No new recipients have been selected for funding since Fiscal Year 2018. No funding was appropriated under the program during the 2019 legislative session, and legislation enacted pursuant to the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions instructed the Commission to make no new awards. Prior recipients who continue to meet the eligibility criteria in the program are allowed to renew their awards until their obligation under the program has been fulfilled.