

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program
Annual Report – FY 2020**

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.

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 30 applicants received loan forgiveness totaling \$80,794 in Fiscal Year 2020. The average loan forgiveness award totaled \$2,693.

The Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program did not receive an appropriation during the 2020 legislative session, and legislation enacted pursuant to the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions instructed the Commission to make no new awards. All prior recipients who continued to meet the eligibility criteria in the program have now received the maximum number of awards, and the program has effectively been phased out.

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 while teaching in each area during Fiscal Year 2020.

Recipients Taught in the Following Shortage Areas	Number of Teacher Recipients
Agriculture	2
English as a Second Language	1
Family and Consumer Science	12
Foreign Language	6
Hearing Impaired	1
Industrial Technology	7
Teacher Librarian	1