

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program
Annual Report – FY 2016**

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 2016 the maximum award was \$6,658 (the average amount of tuition at Iowa's Regent Universities for the 2016-16 academic year).

Teachers must teach in an instructional position in one of the shortage areas defined by the Iowa Department of Education. Counselor, principal, early childhood and administrative positions are not eligible under this program.

A total of 126 applicants received loan forgiveness totaling \$692,171 in Fiscal Year 2016. The average loan forgiveness award totaled \$5,493. 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 2016.

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

Recipients Taught in the Following Shortage Areas	Number of Teacher Recipients
Agriculture	9
Foreign Language	16
Industrial Technology	17
Speech Communication/Theater	2
Science	13
Family and Consumer Science	20
English as a Second Language	2
Talented and Gifted	1
Teacher Librarian	3
School Guidance Counselor	8
Hearing Impaired	3
Visually Impaired	2
Instructional Strategist 1	13
Instructional Strategist II LD/BD	10
Instructional II MD	7

Recipients graduated from the following colleges and universities:

Buena Vista University
 Central College
 Clarke University
 Coe College
 Cornell College
 Drake University
 Graceland University
 Grand View University
 Iowa State University
 Iowa Wesleyan University
 Loras College
 Morningside College
 Mount Mercy University
 Simpson College
 St. Ambrose University
 University of Northern Iowa

University of Dubuque
University of Iowa
Upper Iowa University
Wartburg College
William Penn University
Kaplan University