
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program

Eligibility

The Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program offers loan repayment assistance to teachers who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Are fully licensed teachers whose first teaching position in Iowa began no earlier than July 1, 2007.
- Are teaching in a shortage subject area identified annually by the Department of Education.
- Owe a balance on an eligible federal student loan.
- Are in good standing with all federal student loan accounts.

Awards

The maximum annual award is 20.0% of the recipient's total eligible federal student loan balance, including principal and interest. The maximum award cannot exceed the annual average resident tuition rate established for the Regents universities for the first year following the recipient's graduation.

If funding is not sufficient to meet the needs of all eligible recipients, awards are prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Those seeking annual renewal of a previous award.
- Those teaching in the highest need shortage areas, as ranked by the Department of Education.
- Those who are currently Iowa residents.
- Those teaching full time.
- Those with the greatest total indebtedness.
- By earliest date of application.

New Awards Suspended

[2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 172](#), specifies that beginning in FY 2018, the Program will not accept new applications but may continue renewing loan forgiveness for previous recipients who remain eligible.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [261.112](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [283—35](#)

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More Information

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