

Minnesota Teacher Shortage Student Loan Repayment Program

Eligible teachers providing classroom instruction in Minnesota can gain access to student loan repayment assistance. Our goal with this program is to encourage eligible teachers, particularly those who belong to a race or ethnicity underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce, to teach in Minnesota.



RECEIVE UP TO \$1,000 IN LOAN REPAYMENT

Limited to \$5,000 in total repayment assistance

TO BE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST:

- ✓ Hold a teaching license issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.
- ✓ Be employed by a school district to provide classroom instruction in their license area during the prior school year.
- ✓ Have outstanding qualified educational loan debt not in default.
- ✓ Belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce.

When funds are available, eligibility extends to teachers:

- ✓ Who teach in a rural school district; or
- ✓ Teach in a license shortage area.



APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **June - August:** Application period
- **October:** Application status notifications
- **October - November:** Those selected for verification submit required documentation
- **March:** Award status notifications
- **April:** Award disbursements



HOW TO APPLY

Application becomes available late June to August on the Office of Higher Education website: ohe.mn.gov/program/minnesota-teacher-shortage-loan-repayment-program

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

Awards for this program are not made on a first-come, first-served basis. The Office of Higher Education adopted administrative rules addressing the criteria for how participant awards will be prioritized. Full rules are available online: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4830>

QUESTIONS?



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