**ARIZONA TEACHER STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM**

**A Program of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education**

**Description:**

The Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program is a need-based forgivable loan designed to financially support and encourage college students who are Arizona residents to enter into the teaching profession and teach in Arizona. Students must enter into an agreement with the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to teach in an Arizona public school for a term equal to the number of years the loan is received plus one year. Additionally, students must sign a promissory note acknowledging the conditions of the forgivable loan and promising to repay the loan plus interest if the teaching obligation is not met. The financial aid office at the institution must certify that the student meets the minimum qualifications for the program. Loans are awarded to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Award Amount:**

The maximum forgivable loan is $7,000 per academic year for up to three years excluding all grants, scholarships and other tuition benefits (e.g., tribal and military). Funds can be applied toward tuition, instructional materials and mandatory fees as documented in the student’s Cost of Attendance (COA) at their institution.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

* Must be a U.S. Citizen or an eligible noncitizen.
* Must be a resident of Arizona for at least the previous 12 months at the time of application.
* Must be enrolled at least half-time in a baccalaureate program working on a teaching degree or an alternative teacher certification program at a nationally or regionally accredited private\* postsecondary educational institution in Arizona.
* Must be a junior or higher (completed at least 55 college credit hours).
* Must be seeking a first baccalaureate degree or an alternative teaching certificate.
* Must have financial need (Cost of Attendance minus Expected Family Contribution (EFC)).
* Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by the institution.
* Must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
* Must enter into an agreement with the ACPE to teach in an Arizona public school for a term equal to the number of years the loan is received plus one year.
* Must enter into an agreement with the ACPE to provide instruction as a full-time teacher in a public school in math, science, or special education or to provide instruction as a full-time teacher in a public low-income school, public rural school, or a public school located on an Indian reservation.
* Must sign a promissory note acknowledging the conditions of the loan and promising to repay the loan plus 7% interest if teaching obligation is not met.
* First time applicants must write a 250-500 word essay on what impact they intend to make in the classroom.

\*A student attending a public postsecondary educational institution who received a loan through the Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program before the 2021-2022 award year may continue in the program until the student completes the student's eligible studies under the program.

More information along with the application and promissory note can be found at <https://azgrants.az.gov>.

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**2021 – 2022 Application**

[**https://azgrants.az.gov**](https://azgrants.az.gov)

***Instructions:*** *Please print neatly or type to complete the application below. Return completed application and signed promissory note to the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE)* ***by mail****. Funding is limited and awarded to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis.*

**Student Information**

Name (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: [ ]  M [ ]  F

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (DOB) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (use a non-school email address) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Driver’s License Number (or State ID) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a resident of the State of Arizona for at least 12 months? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

**Enrollment Information**

What is your 2021-2022 academic year enrollment status? [ ]  Full-Time [ ]  3/4 Time [ ]  Half-Time

Where are you currently enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major/program of study? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Expected college graduation date? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is your class standing a junior level or higher? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

**Teaching Information:** Choose either one subject area **or** one location.

**Subject Area Intending to Teach** **Location Intending to Teach**

[ ]  Math (Arizona Middle School or High School) [ ]  Arizona Low-Income School

[ ]  Science (Arizona Middle School or High School) [ ]  Arizona Rural School

[ ]  Special Education (Arizona K-12 School) [ ]  Arizona Indian Reservation School

**Grade Level Intending to Teach (choose one)**

 [ ]  Elementary School [ ]  Middle School [ ]  High School

**Optional**

Ethnicity: [ ]  American Indian or Alaska Native [ ]  Hispanic/Latino

 [ ]  Black or African American [ ]  Asian

 [ ]  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander [ ]  White/Caucasian

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