



Missouri Department of Higher Education

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Minority Teaching Scholarship

The Minority Teaching Scholarship is a loan/loan forgiveness program designed to attract academically talented minority individuals into the teaching profession. For students who meet all of the program's obligations, the loans are forgiven through conversion to a scholarship (gift aid). For [more information](#), please visit the Missouri Department of Higher Education's (MDHE) website at www.dhe.mo.gov or contact us at (800) 473-6757, option 4.

Eligibility Requirements

- 🍎 U.S. Citizen, permanent resident, or otherwise lawfully present in the U.S. and a Missouri resident
- 🍎 African American, Asian American, Hispanic American or Native American
- 🍎 Recent high school graduate ranking in the top 25% of their graduating class with a score in the top 25% on the ACT or SAT exam. (College students or returning adults who have completed 30 college hours and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and graduate students returning to an approved math or science teacher education program are also eligible.)
- 🍎 Enrolled full-time in an approved teacher education program at a participating Missouri school with a scholarship match
- 🍎 Renewal students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school

Award Amount

- 🍎 \$3,000 maximum annual award.
 - ✍️ \$2,000 from state (\$1,000 each semester)
 - + \$1,000 from school (\$500 each semester)
- 🍎 Promissory note required each semester for state portion of award before payment is received.
- 🍎 The maximum award amount consists of both the state and school portions of the award. The school portion is not subject to repayment.
- 🍎 Final eligibility for awards is determined by the college or university attended.
- 🍎 Awards are generally available by mid-September for the fall semester and mid-February for the spring semester.

Program Obligations

For students who meet these obligations, 1/5 of the total amount borrowed from the state will convert to a scholarship that does not have to be repaid for each year of employment as a math or science teacher. Students who do not meet these obligations must repay the state funds received plus interest (at a rate of 9.5%).

- 🍎 Enroll in and complete an approved teacher education program and receive a teaching certificate within 5 years of the date the first loan was received.
- 🍎 Teach math or science on a full-time basis for 5 years in a Missouri public elementary or secondary school after receipt of teaching certificate.
- 🍎 Notify the MDHE annually of student or employment status.
- 🍎 Repayment may be deferred in certain circumstances.

Application

- 🍎 Paper application due February 15, 2010, along with a short essay, résumé, and three references.
- 🍎 Applications and reference forms are available on the MDHE's website.
- 🍎 Applicants are selected by a committee of teacher educators and are ranked based on established criteria including academic performance, leadership skills, school and community activities, employment experience and recommendations.
- 🍎 Selected applicants will be notified in late spring or early summer.