MATH, SCIENCE, and SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (MSSE)

A Program of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE)

Description:
The Math, Science and Special Education Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program (MSSE) is a student-centered, need-based forgivable loan designed to financially support and to encourage Arizona resident junior or senior college students 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 in a term equal to the number of years of loan received plus one year. Additionally, students must sign a promissory note acknowledging the conditions of the 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 loan. 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 (ex: 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 for Loan:
- 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 completion.
- Must be enrolled at least half-time in a baccalaureate program at a nationally or regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution in Arizona (public or private).
- Must be a junior or senior (completed at least 60 college credit hours) in a course of instruction with the intent to attain licensure as a teacher in math, science, special education in a public school in Arizona or attain licensure as a teacher in elementary education in a public school that is located in a geographic area in this state that is experiencing a shortage of teachers as determined by the state board of education.
- Must be seeking a first baccalaureate degree.
- Must have financial need (Cost of Attendance minus EFC).
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution.
- Must enter into an agreement with the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to teach in an Arizona public school in a term equal to the number of years of loan received plus one year.
- 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.
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2014 – 2015 Application

Instructions: Please print neatly or type to complete the application below. Return completed application 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) __________________________ License Issuing State ____________
Have you been a resident of the State of Arizona for at least 12 months?  YES  NO

Enrollment Information
What is your current/planned enrollment for the 2014 - 2015 academic year?
___ Full-Time  ___ Three-Quarter Time  ___ Half Time
Where are you currently enrolled? __________________________________________
What is your major/program of study? _______________________________________
What is your expected date of college graduation? _______________________________
In what subject area do you intend to teach?  ___ Math  ___ Science  ___ Special Education
  ___ Elementary Education in a Geographic Area Experiencing a Shortage of Teachers
At what grade level do you intend to teach?  ___ Elementary Sch.  ___ Middle Sch.  ___ High Sch.
Have you completed at least 60 college credit hours at the time of application? YES  NO

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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