



TEACHER SHORTAGE CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarship is designed to provide financial aid to encourage persons to become teachers and to retain these teachers in shortage areas. The program provides funding of up to \$8,000 per year for up to four years, toward earning a Washington Residency Teacher Certificate. Award amounts may vary depending upon financial need and funds available.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Be accepted into, and maintain enrollment in, a PESB-approved teacher preparation program leading to an initial teacher certificate. Generally, the applicant will be enrolled as a junior or senior in undergraduate studies or graduate school.
- Intend to pursue an initial teacher certificate with an endorsement in a shortage area.
- File the current FAFSA or WASFA financial aid application.
- Have unmet financial need.



AWARDING PRIORITIES

- Applicants who are veterans of the U.S. Armed forces or members of the National Guard who meet the Minimum Qualifications.
- Applicants who are from underrepresented groups.

SERVICE OBLIGATION

- Teach in a Washington State K-12 public common school after earning the add-on endorsement.
- The participant's scholarship amount will be forgiven when they do either of the following:
 - Serve as a certificated employee in an approved education program for two full-time school years for each year of conditional scholarship received.



SERVICE OBLIGATION

- Serve as a certificated employee in a shortage area in an approved education program for one full-time school year for each year of conditional scholarship received.
- Participants who do not fulfill their teaching obligation will have to repay the award, with interest and other fees. (Details will be in the participant's promissory note.)

HOW TO APPLY

- This application cycle is for the 2023-24 academic year. Recipients of this cycle will receive their awards starting the winter term of the 2023-24 academic year.



Opens in Spring 2024 for AY 24-25

Apply here: <https://wsac.wa.gov/teachers>