

Teaching Programs

in North Carolina



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North Carolina has a number of scholarship and scholarship-loan programs designed to encourage students to enter the teaching profession.

Teaching Career Information

College Foundation of North Carolina provides helpful online information for students interested in careers in teaching. CFNC.org offers information and advice on career planning, including opportunities to direct questions about the profession to current teachers, job fair listings, and other useful information for prospective teachers. Just go to CFNC.org/teachingcareers.

Financial Assistance Overview

The State of North Carolina provides financial assistance for individuals enrolled in college programs designed to prepare students for careers in teaching and school administration. Some of these programs provide funding in the form of scholarships, which do not have to be paid back. Other programs offer scholarship-loans; students who receive scholarship-loans must repay the debt either by working as a teacher or by repaying the loan amount in cash at an interest rate of 10%. All scholarship-loans described in this brochure are marked with an asterisk (*).

For more information about these programs, visit their respective websites included in the following descriptions, or call toll free 866-866-CFNC.

Financial Assistance for High School Students Considering Teaching Careers

North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program*

High school seniors are eligible to apply for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program. Renewable scholarships of \$6,500 per year are offered to 500 North Carolina students to attend one of 14 four-year colleges and universities in the state, with up to four additional campuses to be added in January 2007. Students agree to teach for four years in North Carolina after graduation or be subject to repaying the funds at an interest rate of 10%, which must be repaid within seven years of graduation.

For more information, including a list of participating campuses, visit

CFNC.org/paying/loan/career/teaching_fellows.jsp.

Millennium Teacher Scholarship Loan Program*

This competitive, need- and merit-based program assists qualified North Carolina high school seniors interested in teaching in North Carolina public schools. Recipients must enroll at one of three campuses: Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, or Winston-Salem State University. Students selected will receive \$6,500 per year for four years. Recipients must teach in North Carolina one year for every year of funding received and must complete their teaching obligation within seven years of graduation, or repay the debt in cash at a rate of 10% interest within ten years of graduation. Up to 20 recipients will be chosen at each of the three participating campuses.

For more information, visit CFNC.org/MTSL.

*Scholarship-loan. Must be repaid in service to the state.

Financial Assistance for High School and College Students Pursuing Teaching Careers

Prospective Teacher Scholarship-Loan Program*

This competitive, merit-based scholarship-loan program is available to students who have chosen to pursue teaching as a career. The annual award is \$2,500 per year for students enrolled full-time at a four-year college or university (\$1,200 per year for community college students). The recipient agrees to work full-time as a teacher in North Carolina's public schools one year for every year of funding received or repay the loan in cash at a rate of 10% interest. Repayment in the form of teaching must be completed within seven years of graduation.

For more information, visit CFNC.org/PTSL.



Financial Assistance for College Students Pursuing Teaching Careers

Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship-Loan Program*

College juniors and seniors seeking licensure to teach math, science, special education, or English as a second language in North Carolina's public schools are eligible for this scholarship-loan. Recipients must agree to teach full-time in a qualifying subject area for three years within five years of graduation or be subject to repaying the funds at a 10% interest rate. The annual award is \$6,500 per year for students enrolled full-time, and 150 new awards will be offered each year.

For more information, visit CFNC.org/FTNC.

Physical Education/Coaching Scholarship-Loan Program*

This scholarship-loan is available for students pursuing college degrees to become public school teachers and coaches in rural or high-need areas of North Carolina upon graduation. Twenty-five new awards of \$4,000 per year will be offered. The recipient agrees to work full-time as a teacher and coach in North Carolina's public schools one year for each year of funding received. Service repayment must be completed within five years of graduation; students who do not teach and coach are subject to cash repayment at an interest rate of 10%.

For more information, visit CFNC.org/PEC.

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Opportunities for Teacher Assistants Seeking Initial Teacher Licensure

Teacher Assistant Scholarship Fund (TASF)

This program provides funding to full-time teacher assistants who are either pursuing initial licensure at a North Carolina college or university with an approved teacher education program or are enrolled in a North Carolina community college transfer program leading to teacher certification at a qualifying four-year campus. Students already holding bachelor's degrees seeking initial licensure are eligible to apply. Recipients enrolled at two-year institutions receive \$600 per term up to a maximum of \$1,800 annually, and recipients at four-year institutions receive \$1,200 per term up to a maximum of \$3,600 annually.

For more information, visit CFNC.org/TASF.

Loan Holiday for Teachers and Counselors

Teachers and counselors who began service on or after July 1, 2005, at North Carolina public or charter schools, and who have loans in repayment with the North Carolina Federal Family Education Loan Program (a loan originated by College Foundation, Inc.) may be eligible for a loan repayment holiday equal to their December monthly payment or \$375, whichever is less.

For more details about this benefit, call 866-866-CFNC.

Other Financial Aid Considerations

In addition to these state-funded programs, other state aid, federal aid, institutional, and private money may be available.

Students seeking financial assistance for college must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at fafsa.ed.gov. Students should also contact the financial aid office at the campus they plan to attend for information about institutional aid.

For information about these and many other opportunities to help you plan, apply, and pay for college, call CFNC toll free at 866-866-CFNC or visit CFNC.org.

Teachers and employees of certain partnering school systems who seek teacher licensure may benefit from services offered by the North Carolina Model Teacher Education Consortium. For more information, visit www.ncmtec.org.

NC TEACH is a rigorous alternative teacher preparation program designed to recruit, train, support, and retain mid-career professionals as they become licensed teachers in North Carolina. Established in 2000, the NC TEACH program serves more than 85 counties and school districts in all regions of the state and has helped more than 1,300 people become licensed teachers.

For more information, visit <http://ncteach.ga.unc.edu>.

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