

Financial Aid & Scholarships for Future Special Education Teachers



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Utah Opportunities

+ TH Bell Teaching Incentive Loan

- <http://cvhs.ironk12.org/2017-18THBellIncentiveProgram.pdf>
- TH Bell recipients apply by March of their senior year of high school
- Pays most of their tuition for 8 semesters
- Students “pay back” by service – teaching in Utah for the same amount of time they received the loan
- If they teach in a Title I school, the service time is cut in half
- Preference given to critical shortage areas (SPED, Math, Science, COMD)

+ PETTS: Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Opportunity

- <http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Programs-Areas/Paraeducators.aspx>
- “PETTS funds are available to paraeducators with fewer than 60 credits or up to an associate’s degree.” Students with an associates degree or a Bachelors’ degree or more are not eligible.
- Applicant needs to be employed by a public school as a para for 10 hours per week
- Amount differs each year depending on the pool of money. They try to offer up to \$2000/year, more if the legislature gives more money. The most they will receive is \$5000/year.
- Applications due by May 1
- Critical Shortage Areas given preference



Federal Opportunities

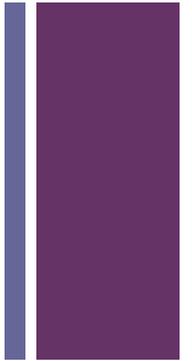
Must apply for FAFSA first
<https://fafsa.ed.gov>



Federal TEACH Grants

(Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education)

- <http://www.usu.edu/financialaid/overview/#teach>
- Provides up to \$3760 a year
- Students must have a 3.25 GPA
- Apply through Financial Aid
- Serve for 4 years in a low income school in the USA for 4 years within 8 years of graduating
- Critical shortage areas: math, science, foreign language, bilingual education, SPED, reading specialist, etc.
- If students don't fulfill their teaching obligation, the grant turns into an unsubsidized loan including all accrued interest



+ Federal Student Loan Forgiveness

- <http://www.usu.edu/finaid/overview/#directloans>
- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>
- \$5000 forgiven for highly qualified full time elementary or secondary teacher for 5 consecutive years in a Title I school
- \$17,500 forgiven for highly qualified full time math or science teacher for 5 consecutive years in a Title I school
- \$17,500 forgiven for special education teachers for teaching in any USA school for 5 consecutive years

+ Federal Perkins Loan Cancellation

- <http://www.usu.edu/finaid/overview/#perkinsloan>
- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>
- Cancels up to 100% of loan if served full time in ELED or SCED school
 - School is Title I school for ELED or SCED
 - Any school if special education teacher or related services
 - any school for critical shortage areas (math, science, foreign language, bilingual education)
- Loan Cancellation
 - 15% of loan and interest cancelled for 1st and 2nd year of teaching
 - 20% of loan and interest cancelled for 3rd and 4th year of teaching
 - 30% of loan and interest cancelled for 5th year of teaching

+ Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory

- <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TC LIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>



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Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory

OMB Number: 1845-0077

Perkins and Stafford Loan Cancellation for Service in Low-Income Schools and Educational Service Agencies:

This screen allows you to search the Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory of public and private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools designated by the U.S. Department of Education as having a high concentration of students from low-income families. The Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory also lists educational service agencies authorized by State statute that have been designated as serving a high concentration of low-income families. (If you are a student who needs to search a directory prior to 1997-98, contact the following: for a Perkins loan the school that made you the loan; For Direct Stafford Loan, the Direct Loan Servicer; or for a FFEL Stafford Loan, your Stafford Loan holder or servicer in the Federal Family Education Loan Program.)

To look up a low-income school or educational service agency:

Select a state and the school or educational service agency name. If you are unsure of the school or educational service agency name, just select the state to see the list of all low-income schools and educational service agencies in that state.

Note that you can provide partial information for a search box. For example, if you select a State and enter "Red" in the School or Educational Service Agency Name search box, and then click the Search button, the results page will list schools and educational service agencies that begin with the word Red in their name such as Redwood, Redmond, etc. Using an example similar to the one above, to find all schools and educational service agencies that contain the text "red" anywhere in their name, enter "%red" into the name field. The results page will list schools and educational service agencies that have the word "red" in their name such as Fredrick High School, Bredington Elementary, etc. Either search method described can also be used in the Location field. All search results will be displayed in alphabetical order by school or educational service agency name. [Additional Search Help](#)

Search TCLI Directory

Choose a State: ALASKA

Year: 2016-2017

School or Educational Service Agency Name:

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