

~~selected by the Office on a competitive basis among qualified applicants based on academic criteria, not limited to standardized tests, established by the State Board of Education;~~

~~(ii) Have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree on or after January 1, 1986, and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED and be selected among qualified applicants on a competitive basis based on academic criteria established by the State Board of Education;~~

~~(iii) Have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree on or before December 31, 1985, and be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED and be selected among qualified applicants on a competitive basis based on criteria established by the State Board of Education that exclude consideration of the applicant's grade point average; or~~

~~(iv) Persons who are already teachers shall:~~

~~1. Be nominated by the superintendent of schools of the system in which the person teaches or intends to teach;~~

~~2. Enroll as a student in courses required for teacher certification in an academic area in which there is a critical [or geographic] shortage of teachers; and~~

~~3. Be selected by the Office on a competitive basis among qualified applicants based on criteria established by the State Board of Education;~~

~~(2) Sign a letter of intent as follows:~~

~~(i) A nondegreed recipient who is not already a teacher shall be enrolled in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in an eligible institution as a student in an undergraduate program necessary for teacher education;~~

~~(ii) A degreed recipient shall enroll in or sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to certification to teach in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED; or~~

~~(iii) A recipient who is already a teacher shall sign a letter of intent to enroll in an eligible institution as a student in a teacher certification program in an area in which there is a critical [or geographic] shortage of teachers;~~

~~(3) Perform the service obligation upon completion of required studies;~~

~~(4) Maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and advance in academic standing at least 1 year in each year in which an award is renewed; and~~

~~(5) Satisfy whatever other criteria the Office and the State Board of Education establish.~~