

{iii}--Persons who are already teachers shall:

1.--Have---a---nomination---from---the  
superintendent of schools of the system in which the person  
teaches or intends to teach; and

2.--Enroll---as---a---full-time---student---in  
courses required for teacher certification in an academic area in  
which there is a critical shortage of teachers; and

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

{3}--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  
at an eligible institution as a full-time student in an  
undergraduate program necessary for teacher education; or

{ii}--A degreed recipient shall enroll in or  
sign a letter of intent to enroll in courses leading to  
certification to teach in a field of critical shortage; or

{iii}--A recipient who is already a teacher  
shall sign a letter of intent to enroll at an eligible  
institution as a full-time student in a teacher certification  
program in an area in which there is a critical shortage of  
teachers;

{4}--Furnish a surety bond to this State with security  
satisfactory to the State Scholarship Board; that upon completion  
of undergraduate studies if not a teacher; or completion of  
certification studies if already a teacher; the recipient shall  
teach in this State for 1-1/2 years for each year that the  
recipient has a tuition assistance award;

{5}--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

{6}--Satisfy whatever other criteria the State  
Scholarship Board and the State Board of Education establish;

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{b}-{5}--Repayment shall be made to the State within {6}-8  
years after the repayment period begins and follow a repayment  
schedule established by the State Scholarship Board. The State  
Scholarship Board may waive or defer repayment in the event of  
disability or extended sickness which prevents the recipient from  
fulfilling the teaching obligation required under § 18-1403.

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