

How to Apply

Obtain application On-line :

<http://www.azregents.edu>

Have FAFSA on file at the university

Submit application package

- ◇ Completed & signed application
- ◇ Essay
- ◇ Academic Reference
- ◇ School transcripts

Applications must be postmarked
between published dates for the
year in which you are applying.

Still have questions.....?

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For
Submission Dates



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Math,
Science, and
Special
Education
Teacher

Loan
Forgiveness
Program

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Considering Teaching?

Consider this...Arizona's new Math, Science and Special Education (MSSE) Loan Forgiveness Program is designed to help pay your costs. A **loan forgiveness** program provides loans for your schooling, which can be "forgiven" by working as a teacher after graduation.

The program requires a commitment to teaching math or science in a middle school or high school, or special education in K-12.

- The loan may cover up to the cost of in-state tuition, mandatory fees, and instructional materials.
- The loan can be received for up to five years of full-time enrollment.
- Loans will be awarded to eligible candidates on a first-come, first-served basis.

Loan Obligation

There are two ways to pay back your loan:

- **Loan forgiveness:** Working as a full-time teacher in Special Education, Math, or Science. One year of service for each year of loan received, plus one additional year.
- **Loan Repayment:** The interest rate is set annually at 1% above the current subsidized loan rate or 7%, whichever is greater. The interest applies from the date the funds were released by the Board of Regents.

Loan recipients must sign a promissory note acknowledging the conditions of the loan and promising to repay the loan amount plus interest if the teaching obligation is unmet.

Requirements for Recipients

- Be a resident of the state of Arizona and eligible for in-state tuition.
- Be accepted for admission to or currently enrolled in a course of instruction with the intent to attain licensure as a teacher in math, science or special education at one of Arizona's public universities.
- Be pursuing the first bachelor's degree.
- Recipients must remain in good academic standing at the university and may receive the loan for up to 5 years of full-time study.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LOAN

All qualified applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the following criteria.

General Criteria

Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- ◇ Demonstrated academic aptitude in identified teaching area (Math, Science, or Special Education).
- ◇ Evidence of likelihood to succeed in a teacher preparation program and to pursue teaching after graduation. (Examples: Admission into a teacher program; experience working in a school, either as a volunteer or as part of an academic program; related experiences working with youth, such as in camps, religious organizations, etc.).
- ◇ Compelling statement, not to exceed 300 words, regarding why you want to be a teacher.
- ◇ Name and contact information of an individual who can attest to your potential skills as a teacher and commitment to the profession of teaching.

Subject Area Criteria

Math/Science:

- Students who have completed 60 or more credit hours including 18 credits in Math and/or Science.
- Students who have completed 45-59 credit hours including 12 credits in Math and/or Science.
- Students who have completed 30-44 credit hours including 9 credits in Math and/or Science.
- Students with less than 30 credit hours and have completed 4 years of Math and 3 years of Science in high school and have achieved a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in both the math and science courses.

Special Education:

- Students who have completed 60 credit hours and are admitted into a formal special education baccalaureate program
- Students who have completed 30-59 credit hours must have demonstrated experience in working with special education populations, and have completed courses relevant to the special education major (such as an introductory course to special education).
- Students who have completed less than 30 credit hours; and expressed interest in special education.