

Minnesota Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment (Forgiveness) Program
Program Overview
February 22, 2018

Minnesota Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment (TSLRP) Program:

- Provides student loan debt relief in the form of repayment awards
- Eligible teachers may receive up to 5 annual awards of up to \$1,000 each

To be eligible, teacher candidates must:

- Hold a teaching license issued by PELSB
- Be employed by a Minnesota school district to provide classroom instruction
- Be fully-licensed and teach in a designated teacher shortage area (see the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for a list of the current shortage areas); and
- Have outstanding qualified educational loan debt.

Teacher Shortage Areas:

Designated teacher shortage areas as outlined in [M.S. 136A.1791](#) are identified by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) on an annual basis. For 2017, 3 categories of Teacher shortage areas were identified. A fourth category was added during the 2017 legislative session and is effective July 1, 2018.

The four Teacher Shortage Area categories are:

1. Economic Development Regions within the state experiencing teacher shortages
2. Teacher license fields in high demand statewide
3. Teacher license fields in high demand within an Economic Development Region
4. Economic Development Regions where there is a shortage of licensed teachers who reflect the racial or ethnic diversity of students in the region (Effective 7/1/2018)

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Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program 2016 Applications and Awards

Economic Development Region	Eligible Apps	Ineligible Apps	Total Apps	Paid
Region 1 – Northwest	94	4	98	64
Region 2 – Headwaters	53	1	54	35
Region 3 – Arrowhead	188	7	195	72
Region 4 – West Central	75	8	83	52
Region 5 – North Central	102	5	107	77
Region 6E – Southwest Central and Region 6W – Upper MN Valley	68	8	76	47
Region 7E – East Central and Region 7W – Central	287	25	312	75
Region 8 – Southwest	116	8	124	74
Region 9 – South Central	144	11	155	74
Region 10 – Southeast	260	18	278	81
Region 11 – Twin Cities Area	1415	45	1460	58
Unknown District or Private School	0	6	6	0
TOTAL	2802	146	2948	709

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Economic Development Region	Eligible Apps	Ineligible Apps	Total Apps	Awarded (Paid in next 60 days)
Region 1 – Northwest	38	2	40	36
Region 2 – Headwaters	22	1	23	19
Region 3 – Arrowhead	66	2	68	53
Region 4 – West Central	71	2	73	57
Region 5 – North Central	64	0	64	45
Region 6E – Southwest Central	35	1	36	28
Region 6W – Upper MN Valley	15	0	15	12
Region 7E – East Central	36	1	37	30
Region 7W – Central	63	0	63	53
Region 8 – Southwest	40	0	40	33
Region 9 – South Central	70	1	71	62
Region 10 – Southeast	118	2	120	94
Region 11 – Twin Cities Area	410	9	419	295
Unknown District or Private School	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	1048	22	1070	817