

Teach Nevada Scholarships: Facts for Students

Who is eligible to apply for scholarship funds?

- Eligible students may include, without limitation:
 - a) Recent high school graduates who have not yet enrolled in a teacher preparation program;
 - b) Students who are currently enrolled in a non-education related college/university degree program and change their academic program to teacher preparation;
 - c) Students who have completed some credits at a university or college who re-enroll in a teacher preparation program;
 - d) Students who possess a bachelor's degree in a non-education related field and chose to pursue an alternative route to licensure for teaching;
 - e) Veterans and the spouses of veterans; and
 - f) Students who have had some experience working in a classroom, including, without limitation, as a paraprofessional or substitute teacher.
- Funding was appropriated by the legislature to increase the number of students pursuing a career in teaching. Therefore, only students who are NOT already enrolled in a traditional or alternative route preparation program in Nevada at the time of scholarship application are eligible.
- Scholarship funds may be used for undergraduate or graduate-level work, but ONLY for initial teacher preparation. Funds cannot be used by those who already hold teaching licenses to earn additional areas of endorsement (ELL, administration/leadership, GATE, literacy, etc.).
- The State Board of Education (SBE) may prioritize applications that will result in a greater number of teachers who are veterans, from disadvantaged backgrounds, certified in high-need areas (such as STEM/special education/ELL), and/or other additional criteria.

How does a student apply for scholarship funds?

- The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) will not distribute any funds directly to students. Students must apply for scholarships through approved traditional or alternative route preparation program providers. (Note that some providers may not apply for scholarship funds, so students should inquire with the education program officer at the institution.)
- Each year, preparation programs submit applications for funds to the NDE for approval by the SBE. Awards are granted to the colleges, universities, or other approved program providers so that they may recruit qualified candidates.

How much is the scholarship award and when do students receive the money?

- The amount of individual scholarships will vary, depending on tuition costs at each institution. The maximum scholarship award is \$3,000/semester per student, not to exceed an aggregate of \$24,000 per student. Students who attend a program that charges less than \$3,000 per semester will receive the amount sufficient to cover tuition costs of that program.
- Students will receive 75% of the value of the scholarship each semester they are current students. (Students are expected to pay for any remaining tuition, fees, or other ancillary costs associated with completing their program.)
- Within 120 days of successfully completing the work requirement of five consecutive years of teaching in a Nevada K-12 public school, students may request the remaining 25% of the scholarship. It is the responsibility of each student to verify to NDE that employment requirements have been satisfied and to request distribution of these funds. NDE will maintain on their website a list of qualifying schools where scholarship participants may teach to satisfy the work requirements of the scholarship.