

## Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program ("Inspired to Teach" Program)

# PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

### Section I – Requirements

In order to satisfy the requirements of the "Inspired to Teach" Program, I must:

- ▶ Graduate from an Oklahoma high school.
- ▶ Meet higher education admission standards at 1) a public or private Oklahoma university with an accredited Oklahoma teacher education program or 2) a community college with an approved articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma university teacher education program.
- ▶ Declare a major in an accredited Oklahoma university teacher education program with a degree leading to a standard teaching certificate or declare a major at a community college with an approved "Inspired to Teach" Program articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma teacher education program leading to a standard Oklahoma teaching certificate.
- ▶ Be enrolled as a full-time (12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate student each semester of scholarship eligibility until degree is earned.
- ▶ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and a minimum 2.5 GPA throughout matriculation.
- ▶ Prior to entry into the "Inspired to Teach" Program, agree to complete the Oklahoma teacher preparation education program and agree to teach in an Oklahoma public prekindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12) school for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years upon graduation and certification as a teacher.

### Section II – Cash Incentive Benefits

To the extent legislatively appropriated funding is available, the following scholarships shall be awarded to eligible participants:

- ▶ One thousand dollars (\$1,000) per academic year for up to three (3) academic years for **full-time students who have earned less than 90 credit hours**.
- ▶ Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the final academic year for **full-time students who have earned 90 or more credit hours**.

**Benefit to Program participants who are employed as traditionally prepared and certified teachers in Oklahoma public PK-12 schools following graduation:**

- ▶ Incentive payments may be awarded following each consecutive year of satisfactory service as documented by the employing school district for up to five (5) years of service to "Inspired to Teach" Program scholarship recipients upon graduation from an accredited Oklahoma teacher preparation degree program and certification to teach in Oklahoma.
- ▶ The maximum amount of employment incentive payments for any qualified participant shall be \$4,000 per year for up to five (5) years, not to exceed a total of \$20,000 per participant.
- ▶ If sufficient funds are not available for employment incentive payment to qualified participants during any fiscal year, the Chancellor may make reductions in the payments made to qualified participants.

## Section III – Disqualification

The following conditions shall subject the participant to disqualification from the “Inspired to Teach” Program:

- ▶ Failing to maintain a 2.5 grade point average.
- ▶ Changing major to an ineligible area of study.
- ▶ Failing to meet SAP standards.
- ▶ Dropping below full-time enrollment, withdrawing, or otherwise leaving the higher education institution.
- ▶ Failing to meet requirements for licensure and certification to teach as established by Oklahoma state law, or failing to teach for five (5) consecutive years in an Oklahoma public PK-12 school upon graduation and certification as a teacher.

## Section IV – Additional Requirements

I must:

- ▶ Respond to all official communications and requests from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) within the time indicated (by email, telephone call, or U.S. mail, etc.).
- ▶ **Provide written notification to OSRHE ([futureteachers@osrhe.edu](mailto:futureteachers@osrhe.edu)) within 10 days of any change in my contact information or status which affects my “Inspired to Teach” Program eligibility.**
- ▶ Comply with any procedures deemed necessary and appropriate by OSRHE, all conditions cited in this Participant Agreement, and all Program laws, regulations and guidelines, **understanding that some aspects of this Program are still subject to further policy amendments as the Program is implemented.** If I fail to comply, I will be subject to disqualification from the “Inspired to Teach” Program.

For a complete list of administrative rules, visit <https://www.okhighered.org/state-system/admin-rules.shtml>.

## Participant Information: Please answer the following

You must submit the completed Participant Agreement to the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program (“Inspired to Teach”) Coordinator at your Institution to verify eligibility and enroll in the Program.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
SSN	DATE OF BIRTH

“Inspired to Teach” is a program to support the teacher pipeline and the preparation of public-school teachers for prekindergarten through 12th grade. As legislatively appropriated funding is available, the Program provides a scholarship to eligible students majoring in teacher education at an accredited teacher preparation program at an Oklahoma public or private university OR a student majoring in a pre-teacher education program at an Oklahoma community college that has an approved “Inspired to Teach” Program articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma university teacher preparation program (separate agreement form required), and incentivizes those individuals to enter the workforce as Oklahoma public school teachers for at least five (5) consecutive years upon graduation.

**By my signature, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information:**

SIGNATURE <i>(Do not lock document when digitally signing)</i>		DATE
PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS	CITY/STATE	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE	ALTERNATE NUMBER	PERMANENT EMAIL ADDRESS ONLY ( <b>NOT SCHOOL EMAIL</b> )
NAME OF OKLAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED		
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING		CURRENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY START DATE
DESIGNATION:	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE
	JUNIOR	SENIOR

**If you are attending a two-year institution:**

ARE YOU AN INCOMING FRESHMAN?	YES	NO	WHICH FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION WILL GRANT YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE?
ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENT?	YES	NO	_____

**If you are attending a four-year institution:**

ARE YOU AN INCOMING FRESHMAN?	YES	NO	ARE YOU A TEACHER EDUCATION CANDIDATE IN YOUR FINAL SEMESTER?
ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENT?	YES	NO	YES      NO
			ARE YOU A TEACHER EDUCATION CANDIDATE IN YOUR STUDENT TEACHING SEMESTER?
			YES      NO

LIST ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU TAKEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRE-COLLEGIATE FUTURE TEACHER CLASSES?

TEACH OKLAHOMA	LEAD OKLAHOMA	EDUCATORS RISING	N/A
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____			

## Optional Information

Select an ethnic group that describes you.

AFRICAN AMERICAN

ASIAN

CAUCASIAN

HISPANIC

MULTIRACIAL

NATIVE AMERICAN

PACIFIC ISLANDER

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

Select a gender that describes you.

FEMALE

MALE

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

## Required Information: "Inspired to Teach" Program Coordinator Approval

This section to be completed by college or university "Inspired to Teach" Program Coordinator.

Please indicate the number of credit hours the student has successfully earned toward degree requirements (do not include credit hours of current enrollment): \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

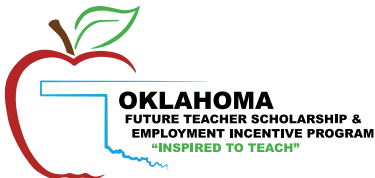
Anticipated date of graduation (Mo/Yr): \_\_\_\_\_ Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
"Inspired to Teach" Program Coordinator Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
"Inspired to Teach" Program Coordinator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please upload this completed "Inspired to Teach" Program Agreement (and completed "Inspired to Teach" Program approved Articulation Agreement for community college students, if applicable), into the OSRHE Secure Access File Exchange (O-SAFE).



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