

# MN Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness



## Program Overview

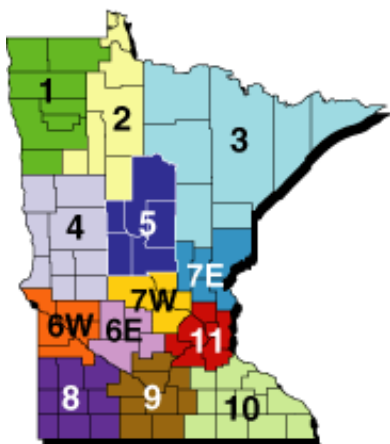
### How does this work?

- April-June application window
- Receive \$1000 each year for up to \$5000 over five years—must reapply each year
- Must work in a specified subject area **or** economic development region in the state.
- Can use with other federal forgiveness programs

### How do I know if I am eligible?

- Provide classroom instruction in a designated Economic Development Region teacher shortage area (see below);

OR



Economic regions eligible for forgiveness:

- 1, 2, 3, 5, 6W, 6E, 8, 9, 10, 11

Regions ineligible for forgiveness based on Economic Development Region:

- 4—Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin
- 7E—Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine
- 7W—Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright

- Provide classroom instruction in a designated **statewide licensure field teacher shortage area anywhere** in the state; **OR**
- Provide classroom instruction in a **designated licensure field teacher shortage in the Economic Development Region** in which they teach.
  - Current statewide and regional shortage areas can be found on the FAQ for the Minnesota Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness program found at [http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/tslr\\_faq.pdf](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/tslr_faq.pdf)

### What else?

- High demand and limited funding—no guarantee of forgiveness, even if you meet the qualifications
- Must hold a teaching license issued by Minnesota Department of Education
- Eligible loans: All federal, state, private (unlike federal programs), commercial and consolidated loans used for tuition and other expenses related to living and teacher preparation.

### What do I do next?

1. Confirm your eligibility on the Office of Higher Education Website under Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2191>
2. Fill out the application online on the website-- <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/ssl/tslr/app.cfm>

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