

You may be eligible for a \$3000 forgivable loan!

Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program

A program of
the Excellence
in Teaching Act

What is it?

The **Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP)** provides a limited number of forgivable loans to Nebraska teachers enrolled in an eligible graduate program.

Eligible students may apply on an annual basis for a loan of \$175 per credit hour, up to a maximum of \$3,000. Students can apply for, and receive, EETP loans annually for up to five (5) consecutive years.

Eligible graduate coursework includes classes that begin during the period of July 1 through June 30 of the award year.

Who is eligible?

To be considered for an **Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program** forgivable loan, you must:

- Be employed as a certificated teacher in an approved or accredited public or private school in Nebraska;
- Be enrolled in an approved graduate program at an eligible institution;
- Complete a degree (major) in:
 1. A shortage area,
 2. Curriculum and Instruction,
 3. A subject area in which a teaching endorsement is already held, **or**
 4. A graduate degree that will result in an additional endorsement which your school administrator believes will be beneficial to the students of the school; and
- Be a resident Nebraska student.

How does it work?

- After you accept the offered loan by signing the NDE contract—provide proof of registration for your classes and \$175/credit hour (up to the amount of your award) will be sent directly to you
- After you complete your graduate degree and teach in Nebraska for 2 years— for each additional year you teach in Nebraska:
 - ◇ \$3000 of your loan balance is forgiven;
 - or
 - ◇ \$6000 of your loan balance is forgiven if you teach in a very sparse school district or in a 40% or higher poverty school building

For more information visit the Nebraska Educator Preparation web site at:

www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/SecondPages/EETP.html

Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program loans are awarded annually through the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)



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