



## Loan Forgiveness Program for Newly Hired Teachers and Clinicians 2019-20 School Year

(Applicants hired between 9/3/2019 and 11/15/2019)

The Loan Forgiveness Program offers New York State certified classroom teachers and school based pedagogic clinicians working in specified shortage areas and bilingual education, newly hired to the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE), the opportunity to have student loans repaid. This program serves to increase the number of licensed personnel serving in the New York City public schools in the following critical shortage area disciplines: **Bilingual Special Education, Bilingual School Psychology, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Speech Language Pathology (monolingual and bilingual), Visually Impaired, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists**

### DISTRICT RESTRICTIONS

**Newly Employed Speech Language Pathology (Monolingual/Bilingual) applicants must secure employment in a New York City Public School in one of the following school districts:**

- ➔ Manhattan Districts 5 and 6; Bronx Districts 7, 9, 10 and 12; Brooklyn Districts 13, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 32; Queens Districts 27 and 28 and District 75; Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan only.

**Newly Employed Occupational and Physical Therapists who are on payroll to schools in the following districts will be eligible:**

- ➔ Bronx Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12; Brooklyn Districts 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 23 and 32; District 75: Bronx and Brooklyn only.

**Newly Employed Bilingual Special Educators and Bilingual School Psychologists on payroll to schools in the following districts will be eligible:**

- ➔ Bronx Districts 7, 9, 10, and 12.

**Newly Employed Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired on payroll to schools in:**

- ➔ District 75 ONLY.

***NOTE: The above list of eligible districts is subject to change annually and is determined by the New York City Department of Education. Additionally, in order to remain eligible for the grant, the participant MUST remain in an authorized NYCDOE school district for six (6) consecutive years.***

The following types of loans are considered approved sources:

- ➔ Perkins Loan Program (formerly National Direct Student Loan)
- ➔ Stafford Student Loan Programs (Guaranteed Student Loan)
- ➔ Supplemental Loans for Students (Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students)
- ➔ Health Professions Student Loans/Nursing Student Loans
- ➔ Health Education Assistance Loans
- ➔ Bank Loans for Educational Purposes

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ➔ Possession of appropriate initial/Professional or provisional/Permanent New York State certification corresponding to one of the above shortage areas.
- ➔ Full-time appointment to NYCDOE Public School with the designated license.
- ➔ Bilingual areas require possession of a bilingual extension to the certificate and candidates must be appointed under the bilingual credential.
- ➔ Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residency.
- ➔ Applicant must be on NYCDOE payroll between 9/3/2019 and 11/15/2019 to be considered.

### RESTRICTIONS

- ➔ Awardees must not have benefited from or participated in any other incentive programs administered by the Department of Education (i.e., Scholarship Program, Teachers of Tomorrow, Intensive Teacher Institute in Bilingual Special Education (ITI-BSE), New York City Teaching Fellows, Teach for America, I-Start, New Visions Urban Teacher Residency Program, Success Via Apprenticeship, Math for America, Psychology In Training (PIT) Program, etc.).
- ➔ Current or past Department of Education pedagogical or clinical employees are NOT eligible to participate in this program even if the new employment/appointment is in a different title.

### SERVICE AGREEMENT and COMMITMENT

- ➔ Participants must complete ten (10) months of satisfactory service within a New York City public school in an assigned shortage area position as stated above (or twelve months of service, if the assignment is in a year-round special education program).
- ➔ Eligibility is for a period of up to six (6) consecutive years. To maintain eligibility, participants must complete each year of satisfactory service in a designated Loan Forgiveness district as determined by the NYCDOE.
- ➔ After one year of satisfactory service, the DOE will reimburse the awardee an amount of \$4000 or 1/6th\*\* of the outstanding loans in the semester following the completion of service.
- ➔ *The total financial amount disbursed will be determined at the initial acceptance of the program and will be divided over the six years (not to exceed \$24,000).*

### APPLICATIONS

Applications are available **June 15th through November 15th** for the upcoming school year. **Applications must be completed and submitted within the semester of hire or the teacher/clinician will not be eligible to participate in the program.** Confirmation of applications are sent immediately, and preliminary eligibility is established once required documentation is received. Final eligibility is determined by the end of year verification of employment and overall rating. To access the application or for additional information, please refer to the [www.teachnycprograms.net](http://www.teachnycprograms.net) website.

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