

DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

Section 002.03E of Rule 25, *Regulations Governing the Excellence in Teaching Act* effective August 15, 2016, provides for the allocation of AETP funds by NDE to all participating eligible Nebraska institutions according to the distribution formula set forth in Rule 25, Section 002.04. The institutions then act as agents of NDE in the distribution of the funds to eligible students.

The formula for the initial distribution of AETP funds to participating eligible institutions is based on the most recent teacher education program completer data available to NDE. The percentage of loan funds available to each participating eligible institution matches the institution's percentage of the state's teacher education program completers from all eligible institutions.

Initial funds not distributed by the institutions are reallocated by NDE, according to the distribution formula set forth in Rule 25, Section 002.04B, to participating eligible institutions that have requested consideration for additional funds. Any remaining undistributed or unclaimed funds are returned to the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund for future allocation.

With the annual allocation of funds to the AETP limited to no more than \$400,000 (§79-8,137.05 R.R.S.), a maximum of 133 loans was available per award year for allocation to participating eligible institutions. Beginning with the 2016-17 award year, the number of loans available will be based on the actual funds available.

The department shall allocate on an annual basis up to four hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate of the funds to be distributed for the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program to all eligible institutions according to the distribution formula as determined by rule and regulation. The eligible institutions shall act as agents of the department in the distribution of the funds for the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program to eligible students.

§79-8,137.05 R.R.S.

STATUS OF THE PROGRAM

The 2022-23 award year marks the seventeenth year of the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program. To date, 2049 AETP loans totaling approximately \$6.14 million have been awarded to just over 1478 eligible students seeking their initial teaching certificate.

For the 2022-2023 award year 417 loans at \$3000 each will be available for distribution among the fifteen (15) eligible institutions for a total of \$1,251,000.

For the 2021-2022 award year the AETP funds provided for a total of 200 loans at \$3000 each to be distributed among the fifteen (15)

eligible institutions. NDE awarded 163 loans totaling \$489,000 based on recipient eligibility.

The 2020-2021 award year funds provided for a total of 243 loans at \$3000 each to be distributed among the fifteen (15) eligible institutions. NDE awarded 134 loans totaling \$402,000 based on recipient eligibility.

Attachment A provides the number of loans distributed by institution per award year, 2006-2007 through November 30, 2022.

STATUS OF THE BORROWERS

Since the implementation of the AETP during the 2006-2007 award year, NDE has awarded 2049 AETP loans to 1478 students pursuing initial certification to teach in Nebraska. Of those, 1153 loans (56%) have been forgiven as a result of the recipient teaching full-time in an accredited or approved public or private school in Nebraska, and 233 loans (11%) have been repaid by recipients who were no longer eligible to participate in the program. The most common reasons for repayment include: left the teacher education program, no longer a full-time student, accepted employment not qualifying for loan forgiveness.

The remaining loans are categorized as follows:

- 473 loans (23%) are pending forgiveness as the recipients fulfill the teaching obligation;
- 72 loans (3.5%) are pending completion of the teacher education program;
- 132 loans (6.4%) are being repaid;
- 53 loans (2.5%) have other status; i.e. graduated but not yet teaching, deferment, default.

Attachment B provides more detailed AETP status information.