



Teach in Nebraska Today Program 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Teach in Nebraska Today Program?**
 - The Teach in Nebraska Today Program (TINTP) is a student loan repayment assistance program. This means there are funds appropriated by the legislature to support eligible applicants with making payments on their student loans.

- **Who is eligible?**
 - TINTP is open to applicants that hold an active teaching certificate or permit and are teaching full-time are eligible to apply. Per [N.R.S. 79-8, 147 section \(4\)](#), teaching full-time means (a) teaching an average of at least four hours per contract day performing instructional duties as a full-time employee of an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school in this state or (b) teaching an average of at least four hours per contract day performing dual-credit instructional duties for students of approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial schools in this state while employed full-time at an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in this state.

- **What are the requirements?**
 - Applicants must be a Nebraska resident, be teaching full-time, have student loans under their name that were used for their educational expenses, and work in a public, nonpublic, or ESU setting. Student loans must not be in default.

- **What is an NDE Staff ID and where do I find it?**
 - This is a 10-digit number assigned by the NDE Staff ID system that uniquely identifies a staff person with a Nebraska certificate or permit, you can find your number here: <https://teach.education.ne.gov/#/verifylicense>.

- **What if I live in a neighboring state?**
 - Per [N.R.S. 79-8,149](#), section 1 (a), student loan repayment assistance under the program shall be available to an individual who applies for the assistance and who: (a) is a resident of the State of Nebraska. Unfortunately, exemptions or waivers to this requirement are not allowed.

- **What is an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)?**
 - AGI is your gross income minus your adjustments to income. Depending on your filing status, you might have a combined AGI. If you do, you should only include the total of your earned income (all taxable income and wages earned fully attributable to the individual). This could be found on your W-2 documents.



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- **Can I apply if I am a school counselor, librarian, nurse, speech pathologist, etc?**
 - School systems across Nebraska have different contracts and requirements of their personnel. If you meet the requirements outlined above, you may be eligible to apply for TINTP.

- **How often can I apply?**
 - Applicants may be awarded repayment assistance each year an application is submitted for up to five (5) years. The five (5) years of awards are not required to be consecutive but may not extend beyond eight (8) years after the initial award.

- **Are funds from this program considered taxable?**
 - Yes, funds from this program are considered taxable for federal income tax. If you have any other questions, please contact your tax adviser.

- **If I take part in a loan forgiveness program, can I still do TINTP?**
 - The NDE does not advise on programs it does not monitor or administer, such as those administered by the U.S. Department of Education. We suggest reaching out to someone from those programs.
 - The NDE does not restrict an applicant's participation in loan forgiveness programs.

- **What happens if I submit multiple applications?**
 - Only an applicant's most recent submission will be considered.

- **When are applications due?**
 - Applications are due June 10th at 11:59pm CST.

- **When will I find out if I am selected for this program?**
 - All applicants will be notified by September 10, 2023, of their acceptance pending the submission and verification of required documentation.

- **How is financial need defined?**
 - If there are more applicants than funds, applications must be prioritized based on financial need. Financial need means the ratio of the applicant's outstanding student loan balance at the time of application divided by the applicant's federal adjusted gross income for the most recent tax year;
 - The awarding of student loan repayment assistance will be prioritized based on the financial need of the applicants. The applicants with the highest financial need will receive the highest priority.

- **If I have more questions, who can I reach out to?**
 - Please send all questions to nde.tintp@nebraska.gov.