

North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows program is designed to identify academically talented students who are U.S. citizens and legal residents of N.C., who have leadership potential, and who are interested in teaching. It will help students become teachers by awarding scholarship loans of \$6,500 each year for four years of undergraduate study, repayable by teaching for four years in North Carolina public schools.

The 16 classes of Teaching Fellows have been intelligent, energetic and inquisitive students. The scholastic profile of Teaching Fellows in the first 16 classes is an SAT score over 1100, a high school grade point average of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale (weighted) and a class ranking in the top 10 percent of the class.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: May any North Carolina senior apply?

A: Only current NC high school seniors or qualifying juniors who are U.S. citizens and legal residents of the state may apply.

Q: How many awards will there be?

A: The General Assembly has provided funding for 400 Teaching Fellows awards each year.

Q: Are applicants guaranteed their first choice institution?

A: As much as possible, students will be able to attend their first choice institution. However, no more than 60 (or Commission- or campus-imposed cap) Teaching Fellows will be assigned to an individual campus. As a result, some students may be assigned to their second, third or fourth, choice institution. Students signing Early Agreement Contracts will be limited to their first choice campus.

Q: What are the "payback" provisions in the program?

A: For each year a teaching fellow teaches in a North Carolina public school following graduation from college/university, one-fourth of the award is forgiven. Therefore, the award is considered "repaid" after four years of teaching. Each Teaching Fellow has seven years following graduation to satisfy the four-year requirement.

If a Teaching Fellow does not meet this requirement, he/she is obligated to repay the appropriate portion of the award with interest.

Also, if a Teaching Fellow does not maintain his/her grades during college/university, drops out before graduation, or graduates without eligibility for a license to teach, he/she is obligated to repay the total award made to that point, beginning 180 days after notification. Law requires this payback, whether or not the student is attending the college/university.

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