



Inspired to Teach Program (Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program) **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

SECTION I – REQUIREMENTS

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Inspired to Teach program, I must:

- ▶ Graduate from high school, homeschool, or earn a GED.
- ▶ Meet higher education admission standards at 1) a public or private Oklahoma university with an accredited Oklahoma teacher education program or 2) a community college with an approved articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma university teacher education program.
- ▶ Declare a major in an accredited Oklahoma university teacher education program with a degree leading to a standard teaching certificate or declare a major at a community college with an approved Inspired to Teach program articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma teacher education program leading to a standard Oklahoma teaching certificate.
- ▶ Be enrolled as a full-time (12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate student each semester of scholarship eligibility until degree is earned.
- ▶ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and a minimum 2.5 GPA throughout matriculation.
- ▶ Prior to entry into the Inspired to Teach program, agree to complete the Oklahoma teacher preparation education program and agree to teach in an Oklahoma public pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12) school for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years upon graduation and certification as a teacher.

SECTION II – CASH INCENTIVE BENEFITS

To the extent legislatively appropriated funding is available, the following scholarships shall be awarded to eligible participants:

- ▶ One thousand dollars (\$1,000) per academic year for up to three (3) academic years for **full-time students who have earned less than 90 credit hours**.
- ▶ Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the final academic year for **full-time students who have earned 90 or more credit hours**.

NOTE: Participants who are enrolled in fewer than 12 hours, who have completed their student teaching internship and are approved to take less than 12 hours to complete their degree prior to certification, or students with an approved accommodation on file with the institution's disability services office shall be considered full time for the purposes of this program, and therefore eligible for an award.

Benefit to program participants who are employed as traditionally prepared and certified teachers in Oklahoma public PK-12 schools following graduation:

- ▶ Incentive payments may be awarded following each consecutive year of satisfactory service as documented by the employing school district for up to five (5) years of service to Inspired to Teach program scholarship recipients upon graduation from an accredited Oklahoma teacher preparation degree program and certification to teach in Oklahoma.
- ▶ The maximum amount of employment incentive payments for any qualified participant shall be \$4,000 per year for up to five (5) years, not to exceed a total of \$20,000 per participant.
- ▶ If sufficient funds are not available for employment incentive payment to qualified participants during any fiscal year, reductions may be made in the payments to qualified participants.

SECTION III – DISQUALIFICATION

The following conditions shall subject the participant to disqualification from the Inspired to Teach program:

- ▶ Failing to maintain a 2.5 grade point average.
- ▶ Changing major to an ineligible area of study.
- ▶ Failing to meet SAP standards.
- ▶ Dropping below full-time enrollment, withdrawing, or otherwise leaving the higher education institution.
- ▶ Failing to meet requirements for licensure and certification to teach as established by Oklahoma state law, or failing to teach for five (5) consecutive years in an Oklahoma public PK-12 school upon graduation and certification as a teacher.

SECTION IV – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

I must:

- ▶ Respond to all official communications and requests from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) within the established timeframe (by email, telephone call, or U.S. mail, etc.).
- ▶ **Provide written notification to OSRHE (futureteachers@osrhe.edu) within 10 days of any change in my contact information or status that affects my Inspired to Teach program eligibility.**
- ▶ Comply with any procedures deemed necessary and appropriate by OSRHE, all conditions cited in this Participant Agreement, and all program laws, regulations and guidelines, **understanding that some aspects of this program are still subject to further policy amendments as the program is implemented.** If I fail to comply, I will be subject to disqualification from the Inspired to Teach program.

For a complete list of administrative rules, visit <https://www.okhighered.org/state-system/admin-rules.shtml>.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

You must submit the completed Participant Agreement to the Inspired to Teach program coordinator at your Institution to verify eligibility and enroll in the program.

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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME |
| SSN | DATE OF BIRTH |

Inspired to Teach is a program to support the teacher pipeline and the preparation of public school teachers for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. As legislatively appropriated funding is available, the program provides a scholarship to eligible students majoring in teacher education at an accredited teacher preparation program at an Oklahoma public or private university OR a student majoring in a pre-teacher education program at an Oklahoma community college that has an approved Inspired to Teach program articulation agreement with an accredited Oklahoma university teacher preparation program (separate agreement form required), and incentivizes those individuals to enter the workforce as Oklahoma public school teachers for at least five (5) consecutive years upon graduation.

By my signature, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information:

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| SIGNATURE <i>(Do not lock document when digitally signing)</i> | | DATE |
| PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS | CITY/STATE | ZIP CODE |
| TELEPHONE | ALTERNATE NUMBER | PERMANENT EMAIL ADDRESS (NOT SCHOOL EMAIL) |
| HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION STATUS: | | |
| HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA* | HOMESCHOOLED | STATE-RECOGNIZED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT (e.g., GED certificate) |
| *NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED (INCLUDE CITY AND STATE) | | |
| COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDING | | CURRENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY START DATE |
| DESIGNATION: | FRESHMAN | SOPHOMORE |
| | JUNIOR | SENIOR |

If you are attending a two-year institution:

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| ARE YOU AN INCOMING FRESHMAN? | YES | NO | WHICH FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION WILL GRANT YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE? |
| ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENT? | YES | NO | _____ |

If you are attending a four-year institution:

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| ARE YOU AN INCOMING FRESHMAN? | YES | NO | ARE YOU A TEACHER EDUCATION CANDIDATE IN YOUR FINAL SEMESTER? |
| ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENT? | YES | NO | YES NO |
| | | | ARE YOU A TEACHER EDUCATION CANDIDATE IN YOUR STUDENT TEACHING SEMESTER? |
| | | | YES NO |

LIST ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

HAVE YOU TAKEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRE-COLLEGIATE FUTURE TEACHER CLASSES?

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| TEACH OKLAHOMA | LEAD OKLAHOMA | EDUCATORS RISING | N/A |
| OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ | | | |

