

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Loan Repayment Program for Speech-Language-Pathologists and Audiologists

After the first year of operation of the program, renewal applicants will receive priority over first-time applications unless a break in service periods has occurred.

Initial Program Year - School District Employees

Priorities for Conditional Approval of Applications

Applications from individuals who are working for Texas public school districts will be ranked according to the criteria shown below, in priority order.

Applicants who:

- 1) are first-year employees of Texas public school districts for the 2014-2015 academic year
- 2) are working in rural school districts
- 3) are working in Title I schools
- 4) are bilingual

Eligibility for Loan Repayment Awards – End of Service Period

To be eligible for a loan repayment award, a speech-language pathologist or audiologist must submit all required documents to the Board and must:

- 1) have completed a service period working full time for a Texas public school district as a speech pathologist or audiologist, for at least one service period;
- 2) be under contract to the school district for the 2015-2016 academic year in that capacity;
- 3) be licensed by the Texas Board of Examiners for Speech-language Pathology and Audiology; and
- 4) hold a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Initial Program Year – Faculty of Communicative Disorders Programs

Priorities for Conditional Approval of Applications

Applications from doctoral faculty of institutions of higher education in Texas will be ranked according to the criteria shown below, in priority order:

Applicants who:

- 1) are under contract to begin a first year of employment as faculty members of communicative disorders programs at institutions of higher education that are experiencing the most acute shortages of such faculty, as evidenced by the number of vacant positions and the duration of vacancies;
- 2) are under contract to begin a first year of employment as faculty members of communicative disorders programs at institutions of higher education;
- 3) are under contract to continue employment for the following academic year at institutions that are experiencing the most acute shortages of such faculty, as evidenced by the number of vacant positions and the duration of vacancies.

Eligibility for Loan Repayment Awards – End of Service Period

To be eligible for a loan repayment award, faculty of communicative disorders programs must submit all required documents to the Coordinating Board and must:

- 1) have completed at least one service period working full time as a faculty member of a communicative disorders program at an institution of higher education in Texas; and
- 2) be under contract to the institution for the following academic year in that capacity.