



OVERVIEW

Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program

The purpose of the Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program (TFTLRP) is to recruit and retain classroom teachers in communities and subjects for which there is an acute shortage of teachers in Texas. The TFTLRP was first created by the Texas Legislature as the Teach for Texas Conditional Grant Program (2000) and the Teach for Texas Alternative Certification Conditional Grant Program (2002). Both programs were phased out by FY 2005 and converted to the TFTLRP. Legislation resulting from the Sunset Advisory Commission’s review of the Coordinating Board in 2003 directed THECB to restructure conditional grant programs (also known as loan forgiveness programs) administered by the agency into loan repayment programs.

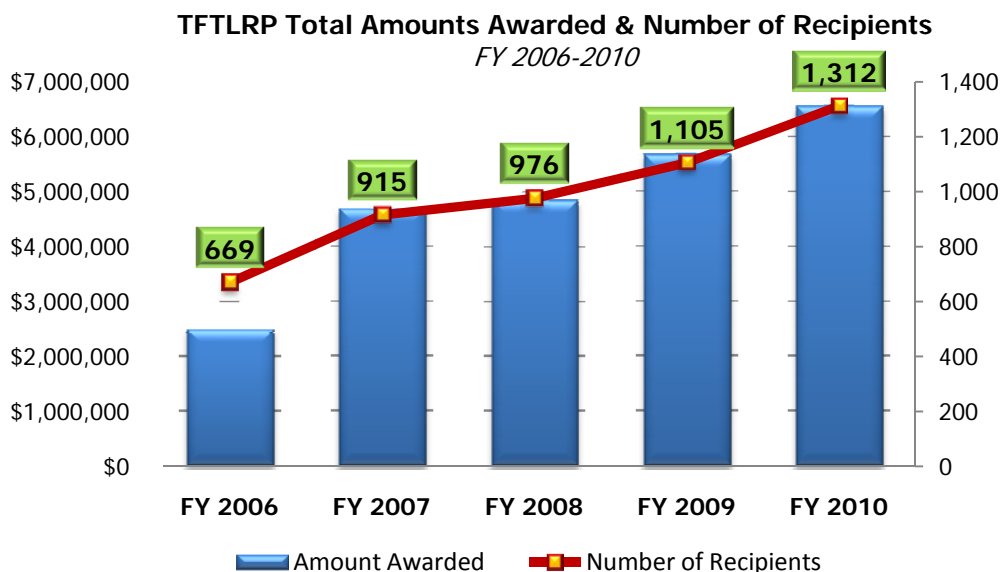
Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for loan repayment assistance, an individual must:

- ✓ Be currently teaching full-time at the preschool, primary, or secondary level in a Texas public school and
- ✓ Be certified in and teach full-time in a field identified by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as experiencing a teacher shortage during the academic year for which the application is submitted **or**
- ✓ Be certified and teach full-time at a campus identified by TEA as having a teacher shortage during the academic year for which the application is submitted

Award Amounts

The maximum annual repayment amount is \$5,000, and the aggregate maximum is \$20,000. Participants are limited to five years of repayment assistance. Currently, the TFTLRP is funded by state general revenue and receipts from the TFT Conditional Grant Program and the TFT Alternative Certification Conditional Grant Program. Amounts shown below include funds from these receipts.



Shortage campuses are based on annual data provided by the TEA. Currently, the TEA has identified the following as designated shortage fields:

- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Special Education
- ✓ Languages other than English
- ✓ Bilingual/English as a Second Language
- ✓ Technology Applications
- ✓ Digital Graphics
- ✓ Multimedia
- ✓ Video Technology
- ✓ Web Mastering
- ✓ Independent Study in Technology Applications
- ✓ Computer Science I and II
- ✓ Desktop Publishing

In 2009, 1,105 of 4,843 applicants received loan repayment assistance through the TFLRP. The total amount awarded was \$5,638,729. An estimated 4,900 applications have been received for 2010, and \$6,574,912 will be disbursed to approximately 1315 teachers. This program has been oversubscribed since its inception and the number of eligible applicants that are denied repayment assistance due to insufficient funds has grown each year.

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