



Docket Item:

Division 67 – Oregon Teacher Scholars Program Temporary Rules

Summary:

The 2017 Legislative Assembly passed SB 182 directing that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may award scholarships to culturally and linguistically diverse teacher candidates. The scholarship awards are in amounts of \$5,000 per academic year. The Commission was tasked with adopting rules in consultation with the Educator Advancement Council and the Chief Education Office.

Docket Material:

Temporary Rule Text

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the temporary rule changes to be in compliance with the intent of SB 182 (2017).

Oregon Teacher Scholars Program Temporary Administrative Rules

Division 066 – Oregon Teacher Scholars Program

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 348.295

Statutes Implemented: ORS 348.295

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Definitions

(1) "Academic Year." A period of time, normally beginning in August or September, in which a student would normally be expected to complete at least half-time instruction or the equivalent.

(2) "Approved educator preparation provider" means an entity that meets the standards of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for preparation of licensed educators for preprimary programs through grade 12.

(3) "Diverse" means culturally or linguistically diverse characteristics of a person, including:

(a) Origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa but is not Hispanic;

(b) Hispanic culture or origin, regardless of race;

(c) Origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands;

(d) Origins in any of the original peoples of North America, including American Indians or Alaskan Natives;
or

(e) A first language that is not English.

(4) "Eligible institution" is any institution that has an approved educator preparation provider.

(5) "Good standing" means the qualified student is maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the eligible institution in accordance with federal Title IV regulations and guidelines.

(6) "Half-Time Enrollment". Registration and payment of required fees as a half-time student, at an eligible institution or combination of eligible institutions, based on 6 to 11 credit-hours per academic term.

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Student Eligibility Requirements

(1) In order to be eligible, a student must:

(a) Be enrolled and in good standing in an eligible institution;

(b) Meet the definition of diverse in OAR 575-067-0001; and

(c) Be an Oregon resident.

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Conditions of Award

(1) Student must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as at least a half-time undergraduate student at an eligible institution.

(2) The Educator Advancement Council and the Oregon Educator Equity Advisory Group will select award recipients.

(3) Scholarships awarded through this program shall be in the amount of \$5000 per academic year, for a maximum of two years.

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Application Process

(1) Students shall complete and submit an Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion Scholarship Application by March 1 prior to the academic year they are enrolling. The deadline is 5:00 pm (PST or PDT). If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it will automatically be extended to 5:00 pm (PST or PDT) on the following business day.

(2) Students shall complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA) for each academic year.