

Diversity License Expense Reimbursements

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Diversity License Expense Reimbursement. The Oregon Legislature, through the Student Success Act, has authorized TSPC to mitigate costs associated with TSPC licensure and assessments for racially, ethnically, and/or linguistically diverse teacher and/or administrator candidates, as well as current racially, ethnically, and/or linguistically diverse teachers and/or administrators renewing licenses. TSPC has funding for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year. The following information will guide you through the required steps to complete your request as well as outline the items eligible for reimbursement.

Am I eligible to apply?

You are eligible for a stipend of approved expenses leading to licensure for teaching, administration or personnel service if you meet the following:

- If you submitted an application and fee or incurred eligible expense (see pg. 2) on or after 7/1/2020
- If you are of diverse origins or language.
 - Under ORS 342.433, “Diverse” means culturally or linguistically diverse characteristics of a person, including:
 - Origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa but is not Hispanic;
 - Hispanic culture or origin, regardless of race;
 - Origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands;
 - Origins in any of the original peoples of North America, including American Indians or Alaskan Natives; or
 - A first language that is not English.

What Costs are Covered?

Item	Documentation
TSPC license application fees	eLicensing receipt
Fingerprint costs to TSPC	eLicensing receipt
Fingerprint costs to FieldPrint	FieldPrint Receipt
Assessment costs-must be an assessment approved by the commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • edTPA • ORELA testing • Praxis testing 	Receipt issued by testing company
Foreign transcript evaluation required for application for a covered license	Receipt issued by transcript evaluation service
Tuition for tutoring or remedial courses not otherwise eligible for financial aid that are necessary to achieve candidacy for licensure, as determined by the educator preparation program.	Receipt for professional tutoring services or for tuition paid to an accredited college or university.
IRS-reimbursable mileage costs from residence to testing center and back.	Evidence of location of testing center. This information will be compared to the address on file to confirm mileage.
Other expenses as approved by the Executive Director.	Receipt of expense, plus written explanation of the item.

Ineligible Expenses:

Please review OAR 584-200-0120 for a list of expenses that are ineligible for reimbursement. Note: The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may suspend or revoke the license or registration of a an educator, discipline an educator, or suspend or revoke the right of any person to apply for a license or registration, if the licensee, registrant or applicant knowingly makes any false statement in an application for reimbursement of licensure expenses.

How to Request

Please complete the Diversity Licensure Fees Reimbursement Request Form, found on the Diversity License Expense Reimbursements page.