

**Policies for the
Office of
Student Financial
Aid**

Subject

Geaux Teach (F)

Office of Student Financial Aid/Scholarships

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The purpose of this policy is to insure the External funded awards are processed and distributed with the necessary controls. This policy has the further purpose of formalizing those procedures used by the University in coordinating with outside agencies, disbursement to student accounts and reconciliations of accounts. This program shall be administered through the Office of Student Financial Aid with the concurrence of the respective external organization and NSU Business Affairs Office. The Director of Student Financial Aid shall be responsible for the development and implementation of procedures to assure compliance with this policy.

Act 463 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the Geaux Teach Program, which provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs at the state's postsecondary institutions that are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Funding is also available to students attending certified alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE. Awards will begin with the 2022-2023 academic year. Financial aid offices should work with their college's School of Education to identify eligible applicants.

Initial eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Geaux Teach Program scholarship, a student must:

- Be a US citizen and if required, registered with the Selective Service; and
- Be a Louisiana resident for at least two full years prior to July 1 immediately preceding the academic year in which the student will be enrolled in a qualified program of study; and
- Be enrolled full time in an approved teacher preparation program at an approved institution or be enrolled in an approved, alternative certified teacher education program through the census date; and
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative college GPA; and
- At least Sophomore Classification.

Continuing eligibility requirements

To maintain eligibility to receive a Geaux Teach Program scholarship, a student must:

- Have received the award for not more than four academic years; and
- Maintain a minimum cumulative college GPA of at least 2.50; and
- Enroll full time in an approved teacher preparation program at a Louisiana postsecondary institution or be enrolled in an approved, alternative certified teacher education program through the census date.

Award amounts:

The maximum annual award is \$5,000. The award amount shall be applied only to tuition, fees, textbooks, and instructional materials required for enrollment. Geaux Teach Program scholarships shall be awarded after all state and institutional financial aid, including Foundation Scholarships, are applied. Summer term awards are allowed.

Billing deadlines:

Determined yearly by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.