

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM
TEACHING AGREEMENT**



I, _____ the undersigned Golden State Teacher Grant Program recipient (referred hereinafter as "Recipient") agree to the following:

SECTION I – REQUIREMENTS

As a grant recipient I agree to both of the following:

- (A) Be enrolled in a professional preparation program offered by an Institution, as defined in Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 30520.
- (B) Commit to teach in a high-need field, as defined in Education Code section 69617(e)(1) at a priority school for four years within five years of completion of the professional preparation program, subject to the repayment obligation in Section III should I fail to meet this commitment.

SECTION II – TEACHING COMMITMENT

- 1. I commit to earn a preliminary teaching credential in a high-need field, as defined in Education Code section 69617(e)(1) an Institution, as defined in Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 30520.
- 2. I commit to teach in a high-need field, as defined in Education Code section 69617(e)(1) at a priority school for four years, out of five years, after completing my professional preparation program.

"Priority school" means a school with 55 (fifty-five) percent or more of its pupils being unduplicated pupils as defined in subdivision (b) of California Education Code §42238.02.
- 3. I commit to providing annual verification of the required teaching service to the Commission consistent with CSAC's verification process.

SECTION III – REPAYMENT OBLIGATION

- 1. I agree to repay the State of California, CSAC, twenty-five percent (25%) annually of the total award, up to full repayment, for each year of nonperformance of the commitment to teach in a high need field, as defined in Education Code Section 69617(e)(1), at a priority school for four years within five years after receiving the teaching credential, except as specified in section IV (4) below.
- 2. I shall contact CSAC to set up a repayment schedule within 30 days of failure to fulfill my teaching commitment.
- 3. I shall enter repayment status and begin repayment on the first day of the first calendar month after: (1) the date I inform CSAC that I do not plan to fulfill the teaching obligation; (2) CSAC has determined that I will not be able to complete the teaching service within five years after completing the professional preparation program.
- 4. I shall make monthly payments to CSAC according to the schedule established by CSAC, which calls for complete repayment within four years after I enter repayment status and which the amount annually is no more than \$5,000.
- 5. If I fail to make monthly payments to CSAC once a repayment schedule has been established CSAC may turn over my repayment obligation to collection agencies, including the California Franchise Tax Board for tax refund and/or wage garnishment to collect monies until my obligation has been met.

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SECTION IV – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. I agree to respond to all communications and requests from CSAC.
2. I shall provide written notification to CSAC within twenty-one (21) days of any change in my legal name or address, or of any change in status which affects my eligibility.
3. I shall comply with any procedures deemed necessary and appropriate by CSAC, all conditions cited in this Agreement, and all applicable rules and regulations.
4. I understand that once I have been accepted as a Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) recipient, if I notify CSAC that I am unable to complete the teaching requirement or CSAC has determined that I have failed to do so, I may submit documentation and a request to be exempt from repayment based on any of the following grounds for any year for which I was unable to complete the full year of teaching:
 - (1) The grant recipient has completed at least one-half of the school year.
 - (2) The employer deems the grant recipient to have fulfilled the grant recipient's contractual requirements for the school year for the purposes of salary increases, probationary or permanent status, and retirement.
- (3) The grant recipient was not able to teach due to the financial circumstances of the school district, including a school district's decision to not contract with the employee for the next succeeding school year.
- (4) The grant recipient has a condition covered under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.) or similar state law, or otherwise can demonstrate a physical or mental disability recognized by the Social Security Administration that prevented them from completing their professional preparation program or teaching requirement.
- (5) The grant recipient was called or ordered to active-duty status for more than 30 days as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Any such request must be submitted within 21 days of a determination that I failed to meet the teaching requirement and sent to the Golden State Teacher Grant Program Coordinator, California Student Aid Commission, _____ at GoldenStateTeachers@csac.ca.gov.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Institution Name: _____ Total Grant Amount: \$ _____