



Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program Application for Funds 2020-21 Award Year

For classes BEGINNING July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

The Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP) provides forgivable loans to teachers who are enrolled in an eligible graduate program at an eligible Nebraska institution. **Prior to completing this application**, please review the program information, including eligibility criteria, program requirements, and fund disbursements, on the Nebraska Teacher Education web site at:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/educatorprep/eetp-current-teachers/>

This application may be completed on paper or online and printed. **Save a copy of the completed application** for your records.

▶ **REQUIRED FIELDS**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

▶ Are you a prior EETP award recipient?	Yes	No
▶ Last Name, First Name MI		
▶ Street Address/PO Box	▶ City	▶ State ▶ Zip +4
Phone	▶ Email: To be used for EETP award messages beginning in June (max of 2)	
Your Nebraska Dept. assigned Staff ID for verifying certification	Other Last Name(s) used for Certification	
To look-up your assigned NDE Staff ID click here or enter https://dc2.education.ne.gov/tc_lookup/ into your browser.		

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION – for 2020-21 school year

School District/System

▶ School Building/School

Street Address/PO Box City. State Zip Code

I, as administrator or designated representative of the school district, school, or Educational Service Unit provided above, verify that the applicant is employed as a teacher by the school district or school provided above.

▶ Signature of Administrator or a Designated Representative and Title

▶ Date

If signed by a Designated Representative please print their Name and Title

GRADUATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

▶ Institution ▶ Student ID # ▶ Anticipated Completion Date (MM-YY)

▶ Please indicate the qualifying category that applies to the graduate program in which you are enrolled.

Categories 1, 3, 4 and 5 require the completion of a graduate degree program.

Administrative degrees are not eligible.

1. **Shortage Area. Graduate degree** program in a shortage area, as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education, at the time of the current award period.

Shortage Area Program

2. **Shortage Area. Certificate Endorsement** graduate program in a shortage area, as determined by the Nebraska Department of Education, at the time of the current award period.

Shortage Area Endorsement

3. **Curriculum and Instruction. Graduate degree** program resulting in a degree in curriculum and instruction.
4. **Advanced Degree. Graduate degree** program in the subject area for which a teaching endorsement is already held.

Current Endorsement Held

5. **Endorsement Requested by School Administrator. Graduate degree** program for a teaching endorsement, not considered a shortage area, as requested by the administrator of the school district, school, or Educational Service Unit at which you are employed.

A statement, signed by the administrator of the school district, school, or Educational Service Unit at which you are employed, which provides support that the graduate degree program in which you are enrolled will result in a teaching endorsement that will be beneficial to the students of the school district or school must be submitted with this application.

Endorsement Requested

FINANCIAL REQUEST

Enhancing Excellence in Education Program awards may be applied for on an annual basis in an amount of **not more than \$175 per credit hour, up to a maximum of \$3000 for 18 credit hours**. Eligible coursework includes classes that have been identified by the institution in which you are enrolled as part of your graduate program and that **begin** during the award period (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

Please indicate the number of credit hours for which you are requesting EETP funds.

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▶ Number of Credit Hours X \$175 = Total Amount Requested

The Total Amount Requested field will automatically populate by multiplying the number of credit hours (maximum of 18) by \$175. The maximum award will be \$3000.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I hereby attest that the information on this application and any related documents is true, complete and accurate. I acknowledge that if my application is approved, I must enter into a contract with the Nebraska Department of Education prior to receiving any funds. I certify that I intend to complete the eligible graduate program on which my eligibility for this award is based and maintain certification and employment as a full-time teacher in Nebraska for the time period equal to the number of years required for award forgiveness. If I fail to meet the requirements of award forgiveness pursuant to Section 79-8,137.04 R.R.S., the award becomes a loan and I agree to repay the loan in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Excellence in Teaching Act.

United States Citizenship Attestation

▶ For the purpose of complying with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 through 4-113, I attest as follows (choose one):

I am a citizen of the United States.

I am a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, my immigration status and alien number are as follows:

and I agree to provide a copy of my USCIS documentation upon request.

I hereby attest that my response and the information provided on this form and any related application for public benefits are true, complete, and accurate and I understand that this information may be used to verify my lawful presence in the United States.

▶ Signature of Applicant

▶ Date

The completed application and all supporting documentation are to be **submitted to the designated contact person** at the institution in which you are enrolled per instructions on the EETP Application Information webpage at:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/educatorprep/eetp-current-teachers/enhancing-excellence-in-teaching-program-application-page/>

Applications submitted for consideration of an EETP loan will undergo an initial review by the institution in which you are enrolled and will then be forwarded to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) by June 1 for final review and approval.

INSTITUTION USE ONLY

I, as program chair or designated representative of the graduate program at the institution above, verify that the applicant is a resident Nebraska student pursuant to Section 79-8,133 R.R.S. and is officially enrolled in the institution and graduate program above as evidenced by the attached Program of Study.

▶ Signature of Teacher Education Program Chair or a Designated Representative

▶ Date

Print Name and Title

It is the policy of the Nebraska Department of Education not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age, or national origin or genetic information in its educational programs, administration policies, employment or other agency programs.

This application is a public record.

NDE USE ONLY

Approved: Yes No

Reviewer: _____

Reason for Denial: _____

Date: _____