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About This Report

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Introduction

The 2021 Legislature enacted the Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas (Formerly Teacher Candidate Grants), Minnesota Statutes 136A.1275.

The Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas (STSA) program is designed to provide postsecondary financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in Minnesota teacher preparation programs during one term in which the student is completing a required 12 week or more student teaching experience and intend to teach in a license shortage area or rural school district after graduating and receiving their teaching license.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) is required to submit an annual report by February 1 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over E-12 and higher education finance and policy. The report must include: (1) the total number of awards, the total dollar amount of all awards, and the average amount, (2) the number of eligible applicants and the number of student teachers receiving an award, each broken down by postsecondary institution, (3) the licensure areas and school districts in which the student teachers taught, and (4) other summary data identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators, including how many student teachers awarded in a rural teacher grant were employed in a rural school district after graduation.

This report will provide preliminary data for fiscal year 2022 as of December 31, 2021. Currently, only fall 2021 term awards have been disbursed.

Financial Summary

| FY | Appropriation | Administrative | Amount Available for Awards |
|------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 2022 | \$500,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$485,000.00 |
| 2023 | \$500,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$485,000.00 |

Shortage Areas

License shortage area means a licensure area that is identified by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (MN PELSB) in coordination with the commissioner using data collected for the teacher supply and demand report under MN Statute 122A.091, subdivision 5, provided that only licensure areas within the following fields may be identified as a license shortage area:

- 1) English as a second language;
- 2) Early childhood;
- 3) Special education;
- 4) Career and technical education;
- 5) Science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, and
- 6) World languages

Statewide License Field Shortage Areas for Fiscal Year 2022

| Licensure Area |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic and Behavioral Strategist |
| Accounting |
| Agricultural Education |
| American Indian Language and Culture |
| American Sign Language |
| Arabic |
| Autism Spectrum Disorders |
| Auto Mechanics |
| Banking & Finance |
| Blind or Visually Impaired |
| Business (140050) |
| Business (140000) |
| Business Ed - Secretarial |
| Chemistry |
| Chinese |
| Communications Technology Careers |
| Communications/Media Occupations |
| Teachers of Computers, Keyboarding, and Related Technology Applications |
| Construction Careers |
| Cosmetology |
| Creative Design Careers |

| Licensure Area |
|---------------------------------------------------|
| Dakota |
| Dance |
| Dance and Theatre |
| Deaf or Hard of Hearing |
| Developmental Disabilities |
| Early Childhood Special Education |
| Earth and Space Science |
| Emotional Behavior Disorders |
| English as a Second Language |
| Family and Consumer Sciences |
| Gen Sec/Clerical Occ with Shorthand |
| German |
| Hebrew |
| History |
| Hmong |
| Home Economics |
| Hospitality Service Careers |
| Instrumental (Band/Orchestra) and Classroom Music |
| Japanese |
| Latin |
| Law Enforcement |
| Life Sciences |
| Manufacturing Careers |
| Medical Careers |
| Mild to Moderate Mentally Handicapped |
| Model Office |
| Moderate to Severe Mentally Handicapped |
| Ojibwe |
| Oral/Aural Deaf Education |
| Physical Sciences: Physics & Chem |
| Physics |
| Pre Kindergarten Associate |
| Science 5-8 (130600) |
| Science 5-8 (130601) |
| Science 5-9 |
| Somali |
| Spanish |

| Licensure Area | |
|--------------------------------------------|--|
| Speech & Theatre Arts | |
| Teacher/Coordinator Work Based Learning | |
| Teacher/Coordinator Ag Co-op Prog/Nonfarm | |
| Teacher/Coordinator Trade & Indus Co-op PR | |
| Technology | |
| Theatre Arts | |
| Transportation Careers | |
| Visual Arts | |
| Vocal and Classroom Music | |

Rural School Districts

A Rural school district is defined as a school district with fewer than 30 resident pupil units under Minnesota Statutes Section 126C.05, subdivision 6, per square mile.

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Aitkin Public School District |
| 2 | Hill City Public School District |
| 4 | Mcgregor Public School District |
| 22 | Detroit Lakes Public School Dist. |
| 23 | Frazee-Vergas Public School Dist. |
| 25 | Pine Point Public School District |
| 31 | Bemidji Public School District |
| 32 | Blackduck Public School District |
| 36 | Kelliher Public School District |
| 38 | Red Lake Public School District |
| 51 | Foley Public School District |
| 75 | St. Clair Public School District |
| 81 | Comfrey Public School District |
| 84 | Sleepy Eye Public School District |
| 85 | Springfield Public School District |
| 88 | New Ulm Public School District |
| 91 | Barnum Public School District |
| 93 | Carlton Public School District |
| 94 | Cloquet Public School District |
| 95 | Cromwell-Wright Public Schools |
| 97 | Moose Lake Public School District |
| 99 | Esko Public School District |
| 100 | Wrenshall Public School District |
| 108 | Central Public School District |
| 111 | Watertown-Mayer Public School Dist. |
| 113 | Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Schl. Dist |
| 115 | Cass Lake-Bena Public Schools |

2020 Identified Rural School Districts for Fiscal Year 2022

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 116 | Pillager Public School District |
| 118 | Northland Community Schools |
| 129 | Montevideo Public School District |
| 138 | North Branch Public Schools |
| 139 | Rush City Public School District |
| 146 | Barnesville Public School Dist. |
| 150 | Hawley Public School District |
| 162 | Bagley Public School District |
| 166 | Cook County Public Schools |
| 173 | Mountain Lake Public Schools |
| 177 | Windom Public School District |
| 181 | Brainerd Public School District |
| 182 | Crosby-Ironton Public School Dist. |
| 186 | Pequot Lakes Public Schools |
| 195 | Randolph Public School District |
| 200 | Hastings Public School District |
| 203 | Hayfield Public School District |
| 204 | Kasson-Mantorville School District |
| 206 | Alexandria Public School District |
| 213 | Osakis Public School District |
| 227 | Chatfield Public Schools |
| 229 | Lanesboro Public School District |
| 238 | Mabel-Canton Public School Dist. |
| 239 | Rushford-Peterson Public Schools |
| 241 | Albert Lea Public School District |
| 242 | Alden-Conger Public School District |
| 252 | Cannon Falls Public School District |
| 253 | Goodhue Public School District |
| 255 | Pine Island Public School Dist. |
| 256 | Red Wing Public School District |
| 261 | Ashby Public School District |
| 264 | Herman-Norcross School District |
| 294 | Houston Public School District |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 297 | Spring Grove School District |
| 299 | Caledonia Public School District |
| 300 | La Crescent-Hokah School District |
| 306 | Laporte Public School District |
| 308 | Nevis Public School District |
| 309 | Park Rapids Public School District |
| 314 | Braham Public School District |
| 316 | Greenway Public School District |
| 317 | Deer River Public School District |
| 318 | Grand Rapids Public School District |
| 319 | Nashwauk-Keewatin School District |
| 323 | Franconia Public School District |
| 330 | Heron Lake-Okabena School District |
| 332 | Mora Public School District |
| 333 | Ogilvie Public School District |
| 345 | New London-Spicer School District |
| 347 | Willmar Public School District |
| 356 | Lancaster Public School District |
| 361 | International Falls School District |
| 362 | Littlefork-Big Falls School Dist. |
| 363 | South Koochiching School District |
| 378 | Dawson-Boyd Public School District |
| 381 | Lake Superior Public School Dist. |
| 390 | Lake Of The Woods School District |
| 391 | Cleveland Public School District |
| 402 | Hendricks Public School District |
| 403 | Ivanhoe Public School District |
| 404 | Lake Benton Public School District |
| 413 | Marshall Public School District |
| 414 | Minneota Public School District |
| 415 | Lynd Public School District |
| 423 | Hutchinson Public School District |
| 424 | Lester Prairie Public School Dist. |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 432 | Mahnomen Public School District |
| 435 | Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Public School |
| 441 | Marshall County Central Schools |
| 447 | Grygla Public School District |
| 458 | Truman Public School District |
| 463 | Eden Valley-Watkins School District |
| 465 | Litchfield Public School District |
| 466 | Dassel-Cokato Public School Dist. |
| 473 | Isle Public School District |
| 477 | Princeton Public School District |
| 480 | Onamia Public School District |
| 482 | Little Falls Public School District |
| 484 | Pierz Public School District |
| 485 | Royalton Public School District |
| 486 | Swanville Public School District |
| 487 | Upsala Public School District |
| 495 | Grand Meadow Public School District |
| 497 | Lyle Public School District |
| 499 | Leroy-Ostrander Public Schools |
| 500 | Southland Public School District |
| 505 | Fulda Public School District |
| 507 | Nicollet Public School District |
| 508 | St. Peter Public School District |
| 511 | Adrian Public School District |
| 514 | Ellsworth Public School District |
| 518 | Worthington Public School District |
| 531 | Byron Public School District |
| 533 | Dover-Eyota Public School District |
| 534 | Stewartville Public School District |
| 542 | Battle Lake Public School District |
| 544 | Fergus Falls Public School District |
| 545 | Henning Public School District |
| 547 | Parkers Prairie Public School Dist. |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 548 | Pelican Rapids Public School Dist. |
| 549 | Perham-Dent Public School District |
| 550 | Underwood Public School District |
| 553 | New York Mills Public School Dist. |
| 561 | Goodridge Public School District |
| 564 | Thief River Falls School District |
| 577 | Willow River Public School District |
| 578 | Pine City Public School District |
| 581 | Edgerton Public School District |
| 592 | Climax-Shelly Public Schools |
| 593 | Crookston Public School District |
| 595 | East Grand Forks Public School Dist |
| 599 | Fertile-Beltrami School District |
| 600 | Fisher Public School District |
| 601 | Fosston Public School District |
| 630 | Red Lake Falls Public School Dist. |
| 635 | Milroy Public School District |
| 640 | Wabasso Public School District |
| 656 | Faribault Public School District |
| 659 | Northfield Public School District |
| 671 | Hills-Beaver Creek School District |
| 676 | Badger Public School District |
| 682 | Roseau Public School District |
| 690 | Warroad Public School District |
| 695 | Chisholm Public School District |
| 696 | Ely Public School District |
| 698 | Floodwood Public School District |
| 700 | Hermantown Public School District |
| 701 | Hibbing Public School District |
| 704 | Proctor Public School District |
| 707 | Nett Lake Public School District |
| 712 | Mountain Iron-Buhl School District |
| 716 | Belle Plaine Public School District |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 717 | Jordan Public School District |
| 721 | New Prague Area Schools |
| 726 | Becker Public School District |
| 738 | Holdingford Public School District |
| 739 | Kimball Public School District |
| 740 | Melrose Public School District |
| 741 | Paynesville Public School District |
| 743 | Sauk Centre Public School District |
| 745 | Albany Public School District |
| 750 | Rocori Public School District |
| 756 | Blooming Prairie Public School Dist |
| 761 | Owatonna Public School District |
| 763 | Medford Public School District |
| 768 | Hancock Public School District |
| 771 | Chokio-Alberta Public School Dist. |
| 775 | Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg |
| 777 | Benson Public School District |
| 786 | Bertha-Hewitt Public School Dist. |
| 787 | Browerville Public School District |
| 801 | Browns Valley Public School Dist. |
| 803 | Wheaton Area Public School District |
| 811 | Wabasha-Kellogg Public School Dist. |
| 813 | Lake City Public School District |
| 815 | Prinsburg Public School District |
| 818 | Verndale Public School District |
| 820 | Sebeka Public School District |
| 821 | Menahga Public School District |
| 829 | Waseca Public School District |
| 836 | Butterfield Public School District |
| 837 | Madelia Public School District |
| 840 | St. James Public School District |
| 846 | Breckenridge Public School District |
| 850 | Rothsay Public School District |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 852 | Campbell-Tintah Public School Dist. |
| 857 | Lewiston-Altura Public School Dist. |
| 858 | St. Charles Public School District |
| 861 | Winona Area Public School District |
| 876 | Annandale Public School District |
| 881 | Maple Lake Public School District |
| 891 | Canby Public School District |
| 911 | Cambridge-Isanti Public School Dist |
| 912 | Milaca Public School District |
| 914 | Ulen-Hitterdal Public School Dist |
| 2071 | Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial |
| 2125 | Triton School District |
| 2134 | United South Central School Dist. |
| 2135 | Maple River School District |
| 2137 | Kingsland Public School District |
| 2142 | St. Louis County School District |
| 2143 | Waterville-Elysian-Morristown |
| 2144 | Chisago Lakes School District |
| 2149 | Minnewaska School District |
| 2155 | Wadena-Deer Creek School District |
| 2159 | Buffalo Lk-Hector-Stewart Public Sc |
| 2164 | Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton |
| 2165 | Hinckley-Finlayson School District |
| 2167 | Lakeview School District |
| 2168 | Nrheg School District |
| 2169 | Murray County Central School Dist. |
| 2170 | Staples-Motley School District |
| 2171 | Kittson Central School District |
| 2172 | Kenyon-Wanamingo School District |
| 2174 | Pine River-Backus School District |
| 2176 | Warren-Alvarado-Oslo School Dist. |
| 2180 | M.A.C.C.R.A.Y. School District |
| 2184 | Luverne Public School District |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2190 | Yellow Medicine East |
| 2198 | Fillmore Central |
| 2215 | Norman County East School District |
| 2310 | Sibley East School District |
| 2311 | Clearbrook-Gonvick School District |
| 2342 | West Central Area |
| 2358 | Tri-County School District |
| 2364 | Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa School Dist |
| 2365 | G.F.W. |
| 2396 | A.C.G.C. Public School District |
| 2397 | Le Sueur-Henderson School District |
| 2448 | Martin County West School District |
| 2527 | Norman County West School District |
| 2534 | Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian |
| 2536 | Granada Huntley-East Chain |
| 2580 | East Central School District |
| 2609 | Win-E-Mac School District |
| 2683 | Greenbush-Middle River School Dist. |
| 2687 | Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted |
| 2689 | Pipestone Area School District |
| 2711 | Mesabi East School District |
| 2752 | Fairmont Area School District |
| 2753 | Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School Dist |
| 2754 | Cedar Mountain School District |
| 2769 | Morris Area Public Schools |
| 2805 | Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District |
| 2835 | Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton |
| 2853 | Lac Qui Parle Valley School Dist. |
| 2854 | Ada-Borup Public School District |
| 2856 | Stephen-Argyle Central Schools |
| 2859 | Glencoe-Silver Lake School District |
| 2860 | Blue Earth Area Public School |
| 2884 | Red Rock Central School District |

| District Number | District Name |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2886 | Glenville-Emmons School District |
| 2888 | Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley |
| 2889 | Lake Park Audubon School District |
| 2890 | Renville County West School Dist. |
| 2895 | Jackson County Central School Dist. |
| 2897 | Redwood Area School District |
| 2898 | Westbrook-Walnut Grove Schools |
| 2899 | Plainview-Elgin-Millville |
| 2902 | Rtr Public Schools |
| 2903 | Ortonville Public Schools |
| 2904 | Tracy Area Public School District |
| 2905 | Tri-City United School District |
| 2906 | Red Lake County Central Public Sch |
| 2907 | Round Lake-Brewster Public Schools |
| 2908 | Brandon-Evansville Public Schools |
| 2909 | Rock Ridge Public Schools |

Application and Award Process

A complete application must be on file in order for student to be eligible to receive funds. Complete applications include both a student section and a postsecondary institution section. The Complete Application Date is the date all documentation needed for a complete application has been submitted to OHE.

To meet statutorily required application processing requirements and award notification deadlines, OHE sets priority application deadlines for each term. Applications received by the priority application deadline are equally considered for an award regardless of when the application was received. Applications are still be accepted after the priority application deadline but students are much less likely to be awarded depending on the availability of funds. If funds are available, eligible applications are awarded based on the Complete Application Date.

Applicants

To be an eligible applicant, an individual must:

- Be enrolled in a Minnesota teacher preparation program approved by the MN PELSB that requires at least 12 weeks or more of student teaching experience;
- Must be completing an eligible student teaching experience in the term applying to receive grant.
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by the institution;
- Not be in default on a federal or state student loan;
- Have not received a grant from this program in a previous term;
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - o Intend to teach in a designated Rural School District in Minnesota.
 - o Intend to teach in an identified license shortage area.

Award Selection Process

The amount of available funds for the fiscal year is separately allocated by term. One-third to fall terms and twothirds to spring/summer terms. This is to account for a greater number of students completing eligible student teaching experience in spring terms compared to fall terms.

Complete applications from eligible students are processed by term (fall or spring/summer). All complete and eligible applications received by the priority application deadlines are processed and equally considered for an award regardless of the application date. If there are insufficient funds to make awards to all eligible applicants with applications received by the priority application deadlines, awards are prioritized based on the following:

- Applicant financial need based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC), Family Income and unmet financial need.
- Whether or not the applicant intends to teach in both a rural school district and a license shortage area.

Eligible applicants with complete application dates after the priority application deadline date for the term are not awarded and then placed on a waiting list. If funds become available, awards are made to students on the waiting list based on the complete application date.

Award Process

Award amounts are based on the student's unmet financial need using the following calculation:

Student Total Cost of Attendance for the Term (Federal Title IV Cost of Attendance which is used for federal financial aid programs and includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, room and board and miscellaneous expenses)

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal SEOG Grant
- Federal TEACH Grant
- Minnesota State Grant
- Minnesota Postsecondary Child Care Grant
- Minnesota GI Bill
- Tribal Scholarships
- Institutional Scholarships or Grants
- Tuition Waivers
- All other scholarships or grants
- = STSA Award (< Maximum Award Amount)

Award amount guidelines:

- Maximum award amount is \$7,500.
- OHE may reduce award amounts based on the amount of available funding.

Award is for one term only and must be awarded for a term in which student is completing an eligible student teaching experience.

As required by statute, students selected for an award are notified by OHE by the following dates:

- Fall awards: August 15
- Spring awards: December 1
- Summer awards: May 1

Award Notification Deadlines do not apply in cases where grants are awarded to applicants who applied after the priority application deadlines and funds remained after the initial round of grants are awarded.

Disbursement Process

Disbursements are made directly to the eligible postsecondary institution. Funds are transferred to the postsecondary institution via EFT.

Applications

Fiscal Year 2022 (2021-2022 Award Year)

The 2021-2022 application was released on July 19, 2021. The following table shows application data by institution and term.

| Institution Name | Number of Eligible Applications Fall | Number of Eligible Applications Spring | Total Number of Eligible Applications |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Augsburg University | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| Bemidji State University | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| Bethany Lutheran College | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bethel University | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Carleton College | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| College of St. Benedict | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| College of St. Scholastica | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Concordia College, Moorhead | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Concordia University, St. Paul | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Crown College | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Gustavus Adolphus College | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Hamline University | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Martin Luther College | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Metropolitan State University | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Minnesota State University, Mankato | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Minnesota State University, Moorhead | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| North Central University | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest Minnesota State University | 27 | 10 | 37 |
| St. Catherine University | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Cloud State University | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| St. John's University | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| St. Mary's University of Minnesota | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| St. Olaf College | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| University of Minnesota, Crookston | 2 | 8 | 10 |

Table 2. 2021-2022 Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas Applications

| Institution Name | Number of Eligible Applications Fall | Number of Eligible Applications Spring | Total Number of Eligible Applications |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| University of Minnesota, Duluth | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| University of Minnesota, Morris | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| University of Minnesota, Twin Cities | 12 | 52 | 64 |
| University of Northwestern, St. Paul | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| University of St. Thomas | 40 | 42 | 82 |
| Walden University | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Winona State University | 1 | 16 | 17 |
| TOTAL | 161 | 252 | 413 |

NOTE: Spring 2022 eligible applications may change because applications are still being accepted.

Recipients

Fiscal Year 2022 (2021-2022 Award Year)

There were insufficient funds to award all eligible applications in both fall and spring terms, all eligible applicants received by the priority application deadlines with the highest financial need who indicated they intended to teach in both a rural school district and a license shortage area were awarded first. Then, students with the lowest EFC and the highest remaining need were awarded.

As of December 31, 2021 only fall 2021 grants have been fully disbursed. Thus, the following table provides award data for fall 2021 only.

| Total number of | Total dollar amount | Average award |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Awards | of all awards | amount |
| 24 | \$164,359 | \$6848.29 |

Table 3. Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas Fall 2021 Awards

Student Teaching Experiences

The table below list the licensure areas in which STSA Grant Recipients taught in the fall 2021 term.

Table 4. Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas Award Licensure Areas Fall 2021

| Licensure Fields |
|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Early Childhood Education |
| English as a Second Language |
| Special Education: Academic and Behavioral Strategist |
| Teachers of Music: Instrumental |
| Technology |
| Visual Arts |

Please refer to Appendix A regarding the rural school districts – Data is suppressed.

Appendix A: Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas Rural School Districts with Less Than 10 Award Recipients

| Rocori Public School District |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| – Sartell-St. Stephen School District |
| Becker Public School District |
| St. Cloud Public School District |
| Farmington Public School District |
| Kasson-Mantorville School District |
| Duluth Public Schools |
| Forest Lake Public School District |
| Cloquet Public School District |
| Burnsville Public School District |
| Minneapolis School District |
| Bloomington Public School District |
| |

Appendix B: Student Teacher Grants in Shortage Areas Statute

2021 Minnesota Statutes

136A.1275 STUDENT TEACHER GRANTS IN SHORTAGE AREAS.

Subdivision 1.Establishment.

(a) The commissioner of the Office of Higher Education must establish a grant program for student teaching stipends for low-income students who intend to teach in a license shortage area or rural school district after graduating and receiving their teaching license.

(b) "License shortage area" means a licensure area that is identified as a shortage area by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board in coordination with the commissioner using data collected for the teacher supply and demand report under section <u>122A.091</u>, <u>subdivision 5</u>¹, provided that only licensure areas within the following fields may be identified as a license shortage area for purposes of this section:

- (1) English as a second language;
- (2) early childhood;
- (3) special education;
- (4) career and technical education;
- (5) science, technology, engineering, arts, and math; and
- (6) world languages.

(c) "Rural school district" means a school district with fewer than 30 resident pupil units under section <u>126C.05</u>, subdivision 6^2 , per square mile.

Subd. 2. Eligibility.

¹ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/122A.091#stat.122A.091.5

² https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/126C.05#stat.126C.05.6

To be eligible for a grant under this section, a student teacher must:

(1) be enrolled in a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation program that requires at least 12 weeks of student teaching;

(2) demonstrate financial need based on criteria established by the commissioner under subdivision 3;

(3) be meeting satisfactory academic progress as defined under section <u>136A.101³</u>, subdivision 10; and

(4) intend to teach in a rural school district or intend to teach in a license shortage area. Intent to teach in a license shortage area must be verified based on the teacher license field the student is pursuing. To verify intent to teach in a rural school district, the student must submit to the commissioner a completed affidavit, prescribed by the commissioner, affirming the student's intent to teach in a rural district following graduation. Upon obtaining employment after graduating, the teacher shall report to the office the name of the school district in which the teacher is teaching.

Subd. 3.Administration.

(a) The commissioner must establish an application process and other guidelines for implementing this program. The commissioner must notify grant recipients of their award amounts by the following dates:

(1) for fall student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by August 15;

(2) for spring student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by December 1; and

(3) for summer student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by May 1.

These notification deadlines do not apply in cases where grants are awarded to student teachers who applied after application deadlines and funds remained after the initial round of grants were awarded.

(b) The commissioner must determine each academic year the stipend amount up to \$7,500 based on the amount of available funding, the number of eligible applicants, and the financial need of the applicants.

(c) The commissioner must give equal consideration to all eligible applicants regardless of the order the application was received before the application deadline.

³ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/136A.101

(d) If there are insufficient funds to provide an award to all eligible applicants, the commissioner shall prioritize the awards to eligible participants based on:

(1) the financial need of an applicant; and

(2) whether the applicant intends to teach in both a rural school district and a license shortage area.

Subd. 4. Reporting.

(a) By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over E-12 and higher education finance and policy. The report must include the following information:

(1) the total number of awards, the total dollar amount of all awards, and the average award amount;

(2) the number of eligible applicants and the number of student teachers receiving an award, each broken down by postsecondary institution;

(3) the licensure areas and school districts in which the student teachers taught; and

(4) other summary data identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators, including how many student teachers awarded a rural teacher grant were employed in a rural school district after graduation.

(b) By July 1 of each odd numbered year, the commissioner must update and post on the office's website a list of licensure shortage areas eligible for a grant under this section.

History:

<u>2016 c 189 art 25 s 59⁴; 2017 c 89 art 2 s 11⁵; 1Sp2017 c 5 art 12 s 22⁶; 2019 c 64 art 2 s 8,⁷; 2020 c 109 art 1 s 9⁸; 1Sp2021 c 2 art 2 s 13⁹</u>

⁴ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2016/0/189/

- ⁶ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2017/1/5/
- ⁷ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2019/0/64/
- ⁸ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2020/0/109/
- ⁹ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2021/1/2/

⁵ https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2017/0/89/



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