

**Application for the
Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program
Information and Instructions**

The purpose of the Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program (MSSLRP) is to encourage teachers who demonstrated high academic achievement as math or science majors, to teach math or science in Texas public schools for eight years, the first four of which are at Texas public schools that receive federal funding under Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- have completed an undergraduate or graduate program in mathematics or science;
- have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent, at an institution from which the teacher graduated;
- be certified under the Texas Education Code, Subchapter B, Chapter 21, or under a probationary teaching certificate, to teach mathematics or science in a Texas public school;
- have secured an employment contract as a full-time classroom teacher to teach mathematics or science in a Title I school at the time of application for enrollment in the program;
- be a U.S. citizen; and
- submit a completed application, including an official transcript from the institution from which the applicant graduated, to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

The teacher must be certified in the subject he/she is teaching, for an average of at least four hours each school day in a Title I school, for the first four years of service, or in any Texas public school, for the subsequent four years of service.

Loan Repayment Assistance

- Loan repayment assistance received through this program will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.
- A teacher may not receive any other state or federal loan repayment assistance, including a Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant or teacher loan forgiveness.
- Annual loan repayment awards are disbursed to lenders following completion of each verified employment period and are contingent upon availability of funds.

Eligible Loans

- Must be evidenced by a promissory note for loans to pay for the cost of attendance for undergraduate or graduate education; and
- Must not be in a default status at the time of application.

Application Instructions

1. Complete all of Part 1, Section A of Part 2, and all of Part 3. **Attach an official copy of your transcript from the institution from which you graduated.**
2. Have your Chief Administrative Officer, (principal, assistant principal, human resources representative, or superintendent) complete Section B of Part 2.
3. Mail your completed application and official transcript to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at the address below. Please call 833-597-0454 for information on e-mailing applications using secure e-mail. **Please return by June 30, 2022.**

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
PO Box 12788
Austin, Texas 78711-2788
833-597-0454
Fax: 512-427-6555**

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Part 1 – Applicant and Loan Information

The applicant must complete this section.

Social Security No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

Any Prior Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone No.: _____

Other Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Provide the following information for all educational loans you received while attending a public or private institution of higher education. Be sure to list your loans in the priority in which you would like for them to be repaid.

Name of Lender or Servicer	Account Number	Estimated Balance	% of Amount to be applied to the loan
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

Did the promissory note or governing terms of the loans listed above require that the loan proceeds be used for expenses incurred by you to attend a public or private institution of higher education?

Yes No If no, list the priority number(s) of the loans(s) that did not: _____

Are any of the loans listed above currently in default?

Yes No If yes, list the priority number(s) of the loans(s) currently in default: _____

Are any of the loans listed above a spousal consolidation?*

Yes No If yes, list the priority number(s) of the spousal consolidation loans: _____

*Loans included in a spousal consolidation will be eligible for repayment only if the applicant's portion of the debt is verified by the lender.

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Yes No

I understand that Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program awards are made annually following verification of completion of an employment service period and are contingent upon availability of funds.

I understand that loan repayment assistance through this program will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

AGREEMENT TO TEACH

I agree to provide at least four consecutive years of eligible teaching service, as described on page 1, at a Texas Title I School and may provide up to four additional consecutive years of eligible teaching service at any Texas public school. I understand that I will be released from this agreement for any year of service for which loan repayment funds are not available.

By my signature below, I certify that the information provided in all parts of this application is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Warning: A person submitting misleading or fraudulent information to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in an attempt to obtain financial aid is subject to criminal prosecution.

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Part 2 – Employment Verification

Section A: *The applicant must complete this section.*

Printed Name of Applicant _____

School District Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Campus Name _____

Name Certification is under (if different than the current name) _____

Date of SBEC Certification: _____

I certify that I am teaching the subject for which I am certified (either math or science), as a full-time certified classroom teacher at a Title I public school in Texas.

I authorize my employer to release information regarding my employment to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Section B: *The Chief Administrative Officer, such as a principal, assistant principal, human resources representative, or superintendent, must complete this section.*

Please verify full-time, certified classroom teaching service provided by the applicant named in Section A above.

9-Digit Campus ID#: _____

Teaching Subject or Assignment: Math

Science

Grade Level: _____

First date of current teaching contract _____

End date of current teaching contract _____

I certify that the information on this form is true and correct. The applicant named in Section A above is employed as a full-time certified math or science classroom teacher at a public school in Texas that receives federal funding under Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Chief Administrative Official's Signature _____

Date Signed _____

Printed Name and Title _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Fax Number _____

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Part 3 – Loan Verification

The applicant must complete this section.

I authorize my lender or servicer to release information regarding my student loan(s) to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Please accept this as my written request to provide my student loan information to the THECB.

Last 4 Digits of Social Security No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

Any Prior Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone No.: _____

Other Phone No.: _____

City State Zip Code

Email: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date Signed

Privacy Act Notice

Certain information required on the application is made confidential by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). The requested information is necessary for participation in the Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program, to verify your identity and to determine your eligibility for the program and for any benefits from it. The Privacy Act provides that an agency may continue to require disclosure of an applicant's Social Security Number (SSN) as a condition for the granting of a right, benefit, or privilege if the agency required this disclosure prior to January 1975. The Texas Higher Education Coordination Board has, for years prior to 1975, required the disclosure of the SSN of all applicants for the programs that it administers. The SSN may be used to verify your identity and as an account number (identifier) throughout your participation in the program, in order to make certain that THECB records necessary data accurately. As an identifier, the SSN will be used to determine program eligibility.

The following notices are provided in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 559.003(a):

1. With few exceptions, you are entitled on request to be informed what information THECB collects about you, and to receive and review the information.
2. Under Section 559.004 of the Government Code, you are entitled to have THECB correct information about you that is incorrect. You may do so by writing to Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, P.O. Box 12788, Austin, Texas 78711.
3. The information that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board collects will be retained and maintained as required by Texas record retention laws (Texas Government Code, Section 441.180 et seq.) and rules. Different types of information are kept for different periods of time.