

(2) A degreed recipient and a teacher recipient may renew an award for 1 year if that recipient maintains a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

(f) Funds for the teacher education tuition assistance program shall be as provided in the annual budget of the State Scholarship--~~{Board}~~--ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION by the Governor.

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(a) The recipient shall repay the State-Scholarship-~~{Board}~~ ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION the funds expended plus simple interest that is equal to the prime rate plus 2 percent calculated from the date of the first payment of the tuition assistance award for any portion of the award not forgiven if the recipient does not:

(1) Complete the teacher education or certification program; and

(2) Teach in a field of critical shortage in a public school in this State for a period, subject to the provisions of § 18-1406(c) OF THIS SUBTITLE, of 1 1/2 years for each year that the tuition assistance was awarded.

(b) (1) The State---Scholarship---~~{Board}~~--ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION shall forgive the repayment of the tuition assistance award at the rate, subject to the provisions of § 18-1406(c) OF THIS SUBTITLE, of 1 year for each year and one-half that the recipient teaches in this State.

(2) A recipient shall begin repayment at any time during the required teaching period that the recipient is no longer a teacher in a field of critical shortage in a public school in this State.

(3) A recipient who is not already a teacher and who leaves the teacher education program may delay repayment as long as the recipient remains a full-time undergraduate student.

(4) A recipient who is already a teacher and who leaves the teacher certification program shall begin repayment at the time the recipient ceases to be enrolled as a full-time student in a certification program in a critical area.

(5) Repayment shall be made to the State within 6 years after the repayment period begins and follow a repayment schedule established by the State---Scholarship---~~{Board}~~ ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION. The State--Scholarship ~~{Board}~~--ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION may waive or defer repayment in the event of disability or extended sickness