

(II) HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE DEGREE AND BE ENROLLED IN OR SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN COURSES LEADING TO CERTIFICATION TO TEACH IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE AND BE SELECTED AMONG QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS BASED ON ACADEMIC CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; OR

(III) PERSONS WHO ARE ALREADY TEACHERS SHALL:

1. BE NOMINATED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE SYSTEM IN WHICH THE PERSON TEACHES OR INTENDS TO TEACH; AND

2. ENROLL AS A STUDENT IN COURSES REQUIRED FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN AN ACADEMIC AREA IN WHICH THERE IS A CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS; AND

3. BE SELECTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS AMONG QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BASED ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

(2) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT AS FOLLOWS:

(I) A NONDEGREED RECIPIENT WHO IS NOT ALREADY A TEACHER SHALL BE ENROLLED IN OR SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS A STUDENT IN AN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NECESSARY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION; OR

(II) A DEGREED RECIPIENT SHALL ENROLL IN OR SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN COURSES LEADING TO CERTIFICATION TO TEACH IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE; OR

(III) A RECIPIENT WHO IS ALREADY A TEACHER SHALL SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION AS A STUDENT IN A TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN AN AREA IN WHICH THERE IS A CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS;

(3) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION UPON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED STUDIES;

(4) MAINTAIN A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE AND ADVANCE IN ACADEMIC STANDING AT LEAST 1 YEAR IN EACH YEAR IN WHICH AN AWARD IS RENEWED; AND

(5) SATISFY WHATEVER OTHER CRITERIA THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTABLISH.

(D) GRANTS TO TEACHER RECIPIENTS MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT RETRAINING EFFORTS BY LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.