



## Teacher Development Scholarship Program Contract

- The GAPS TDSP scholarship is a stand alone scholarship. It is not associated with the WOU Bilingual Teachers Scholars Program, or any other scholarship program, whether sponsored by a university or other entity. **The awarding of a GAPS TDSP scholarship does not eliminate the candidate from consideration of other scholarship opportunities.**
  
- It is the intent of GAPS to provide continual funding in increasing amounts based on class standing (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) until degree completion by candidates. Scholarships will be awarded only once per class standing. Budgeting processes mandate that the scholarships are awarded on an annual basis only. **In the event that funding for the program is suspended due to budgetary constraints, candidates will be under no obligation to the District to repay the loans.**
  
- GAPS TDSP provides tuition assistance in the form of forgivable loans that are applied directly to a candidate's bursar account after all other financial aid has been applied. **GAPS TDSP requires candidates to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year if they are eligible.** The amount of assistance varies between \$1,000-\$4,000 per year. **GAPS TDSP encourages all candidates to apply for additional scholarships.**
  
- Candidates are required to attend regularly scheduled cohort meetings, pass all of the required tests, adhere to all requirements of the college of education and university and maintain a 2.5 GPA.**
  
- Upon graduation, candidates will be **required to teach for at least three years in a GAPS school, at which point the loans are forgiven.** If a candidate does not complete the program, or does not teach for three years in a GAPS school, they will be required to repay the forgivable loans received during the **final two**

**years of their programs. Candidates must obtain or hold current employment authorization, showing proof that they can legally work in the United States, upon degree completion. This may be in the form of a valid Social Security card, DACA identification, a current passport, or birth certificate.**

- If the candidate completes the teacher education program, but the District decides **not to offer the candidate a teaching position, there will be no repayment obligation** to the District for its financial investment in the candidate's education.
- If the candidate completes the teacher education program and **refuses the district's offer of a teaching position, the candidate agrees to repay the District** for the financial support the District provided the candidate during the final two years of their education program.
- If the candidate is **hired by the District, but does not fulfill the three year commitment**, whether by the candidate's resignation or dismissal, the candidate's financial **repayment obligation to the District will be prorated** based upon the length of time the candidate served as a teacher in the District.
- Candidates are able to attend the university of their choice, provided it has an **approved traditional teacher preparation program**.
- Candidates may attend LBCC as long as the classes are in **alignment with a teacher preparation program and are transferable to a four-year university**.

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**Candidate's Signature**

**Date**

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**District Representative's Signature**

**Date**