

Louisiana State University SEED Program Student Agreement

I, _____, Student ID Number _____,

as a Recipient of the LSU SEED Scholarship, agree to the following terms and conditions:

I. RECIPIENT BENEFITS

LSU agrees to provide the following benefits to the Recipient:

- A. \$4,500, to be paid to recipients in equal installments through the remainder of their undergraduate degree. For example, a student signing on mid-way through the junior year will received \$1500/semester for three semesters;
- B. \$120 registration + \$20 test prep to take the Praxis content exam in Mathematics (5161), Biology (5235), Chemistry (5245), or Physics (5265) (please register online to avoid registration fees)
- C. \$146 registration + \$20 test prep material take the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7–12 (5624)
- D. If needed, \$120 to take the Praxis content exam one additional time (in the case that the student does not receive a passing score the first time);
- E. If needed, \$150 to take the Praxis 5751: Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) – Note that students with an ACT® composite score of 22 or an SAT® combined verbal/critical reading and math score of 1030 are exempted from this requirement;
- F. Subject to state approval of the alternative certification program, school placement with full salary in the Greater Baton Rouge Area during the 9-month post baccalaureate program.
- G. As funds permit, \$120+\$20 to register for and take the CSC Praxis exam (not required in Louisiana, but in some other states)
- H. As funds permit, up to \$1500 to help defray costs toward taking a CS Advance Placement training course¹

¹ In order to teach an AP CS course, a teacher must submit a syllabus of the proposed AP course that is approved by the College Board. Most teachers use a curriculum obtained in a weeklong AP Summer Institute (though they are free to develop and submit their own curriculum). The College Board provides fellowships of up to \$1,000 for the training, and in some cases we may provide additional funds. See <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/professional-development/teaching-ap-first-time> for more information.

II. RECIPIENT COMMITMENTS

As recipient of the SEED Scholarship, I agree to:

- A. complete an undergraduate degree at LSU, including at least 31 credit hours in computer science, and the following five education courses: EDUC 2000, EDCI 2500, EDCI 3550, EDCI 3136, EDCI 4500;
- B. maintain a minimum overall 2.5 GPA throughout my undergraduate program;
- C. maintain the schedule on my **Plan of Study**, see attached. For the five education courses or get approval from the SEED Administrator for any changes;
- D. pass the approved Praxis tests according to the schedule on my plan of study or get approval from the SEED Administrator for any changes;
- E. successfully complete a 9-month post baccalaureate program as an intern teacher, starting after graduation (see **Plan of Study**).²
- F. Register for 3 credit hours of EDCI 4006 at LSU during the fall and spring semesters of my intern year. I understand that I am responsible for paying the LSU tuition and fees during this year.

III. LIABILITY

I understand that I am liable to the United States and Louisiana State University if I:

- A. fail to maintain satisfactory progress as set forth in Section II;
- B. am dismissed from Louisiana State University for disciplinary reasons;
- C. withdraw from the program for which the scholarship was made before completion of the certification program
- D. declare that I do not intend to fulfill the service obligation set forth in Section II;
- E. fail to fulfill the teaching obligation set forth in Section II.

² The usual expectation is that the post bac internship will run through a fall and spring sequence, matching the academic calendar of public schools. Spring – fall internships may also be available for candidates graduating in December; however, the likelihood is the candidate will be asked to contract with the school to finish off the academic year after completing the post bac program.

IV REPAYMENT

I understand and agree to the repayment terms set forth below:

A. If a circumstance described Section III, A — E occurs before the completion of one year of the internship teaching obligation as set forth in Section I, the United States through Louisiana State University shall be entitled to recover from the recipient, within one year after the date of the occurrence of such circumstance, an amount equal to--

1. the total amount of awards received by the recipient under this agreement; plus
2. the interest on the amounts of such awards which would be payable if at the time the awards were received, they were loans bearing interest at the maximum legal prevailing rate, as determined by the Treasurer of the United States, multiplied by 2.

B. In the event that repayment is necessary, Louisiana State University will notify recipient in writing of the amount owed, the time allowed for repayment, and the payment receipt address. Any attorney's fees or other costs incurred in collecting the repayment shall be paid by the recipient.

V. EXCEPTIONS

I understand that a partial or total waiver or suspension of any service or payment obligation may be granted by the Director of the School of Education as follows:

A. Repayment is not required in the case of:

1. my inability to continue the course of study or perform the work obligation because of an impairment that is expected to continue indefinitely or result in death;
or
2. my death.

B. Repayment may be deferred during the time I:

1. serve, not in excess of three years, on active duty as a member of the armed services of the United States;
2. am temporarily disabled and unable to work for a period not to exceed three years; or
3. am unable to secure employment as required by reason of the care provided to a disabled family member for a period not to exceed twelve months.

C. Repayment may be waived or suspended for other reasons which are determined to be in compliance with P.L.107-368.

Procedures:

A request for waiver or suspension of any service or payment obligation must be made in writing to the Director of the School of Education, Louisiana State University. Documentation must be provided to substantiate the ground for the waiver or suspension.

VI. Reporting Requirement:

I agree to sign an Exit Certification at the time I complete my undergraduate degree that acknowledges the following:

The name of the institution and the name of the private grant that provided the scholarship/stipend. My field of study

My one-year obligation to participate in the LSU post baccalaureate program during which I will be teaching in a middle/secondary school in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

The total amount of scholarship received subject to the work- or-repay provision.

All other obligations.

I have received, read, comprehended, and agree to the regulations, requirements, terms, and conditions for receiving the LSU SEED Scholarship.

Name of Recipient

Signature

Date

SEED Scholarship Administrator

Signature

Date

Recipient Contact Information:

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____
