



Ashe County Schools

Tuition Reimbursement Program

for

Teacher Assistants Enrolled in Educator Preparedness Program

Ashe County Public School System has again received state funding to provide financial assistance for teacher assistants employed with the district that are enrolled in a teacher education program. Please refer to G.S. 115C-269.30(c). A selection of five Teacher Assistants may receive an award up to \$4,600 each year for up to four (4) years (pending recurring state funding). If the total number of applicants is larger than five (5) an interview process will be conducted to determine the recipients.

What are the requirements to be eligible to apply?

- Teacher Assistants shall be employed by Ashe County Schools by September 1 of the qualifying year
- Teacher Assistant shall be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning education in North Carolina with an educator preparation program approved by the State Board of Education
- Teacher Assistant shall be a resident of North Carolina

What can the award be used for?

- Tuition
- Certain fees

How to Apply

- Write a one-page essay describing why you want to be a teacher and the strengths you would bring to the teaching profession
- Include a recommendation from a teacher that you have worked with in the classroom
- Submit the application cover page, essay and recommendation letter to the Human Resources Department by November 1 of the current year

Documentation Requirements

- Within thirty (30) days after registering and prior to taking a course, submit TA tuition reimbursement form
- Submit your college plan of study with your initial request for course reimbursement
- Provide registration and enrollment confirmation with date of registration or enrollment and receipts for coursework with the request form
- Provide a grade report for each course within thirty (30) days of completion

Notes

- Funding is contingent on State Board Appropriations
- Priority for awards shall be given to a teacher assistant who received a tuition assistance award for the previous academic year