

Robert Noyce Scholarship Program

Scholarship Agreement & Promissory Note

As required by the National Science Foundation, Directorate for Education and Human Resources,
Division of Undergraduate Education

DIRECTIONS: Students selected to receive a Robert Noyce Scholarship must read this agreement and promissory note, and provide the required information and signature. A copy of this agreement and promissory note is to be retained by the scholarship recipient and the original form is to be returned to Amanda Backus at the WVUteach house.

STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION:

Recipients of the Robert Noyce Scholarship are required to provide the following information to the West Virginia University ("WVU") and inform WVU if any of the below identifier information changes.
(Please sign in blue ink.)

Name _____
(first) (middle initial) (last)

E-mail address: _____ **Student ID No.** _____

Permanent Address (street, city, state, zip code)

Local Address (street, city, state, zip code)

Social Security Number _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Area Code/Telephone Number _____

Driver's License Number _____
(List state abbreviation first)

Anticipated Graduation Date _____
(month/year)

Students selected to receive the Robert Noyce Scholarship must comply with all program requirements. Receipt of this scholarship is contingent upon meeting all eligibility requirements and execution of this agreement and promissory note. *Read and carefully consider the commitments explained before signing this document.*

I. SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

- A. I verify that I am enrolled in a program of study with a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) leading to a bachelors degree and certification as a secondary education science AND I understand that this scholarship assistance will end if I cease to be enrolled in an eligible science teacher education program.
- B. I agree to achieve teacher certification in science and/or mathematics 7-12 education AND gain direct teaching experience within two years of receipt of my degree and certification in a school district defined to fall within one of the following three high need categories:
1. A school system in which 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for participation in the free and reduced price lunch program established by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 I.S.C. 1751 et seq.)
 2. A school system in which: (i) more than 34 percent of the academic classroom teachers at the secondary level (across all academic subjects) do not have an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in, or a graduate degree in, the academic field in which they teach the largest percentage of their classes; or (ii) more than 34 percent of the teachers in two of the academic departments do not have an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in, or a graduate degree in the academic field in which they teach the largest percentage of their classes.
 3. A school system whose teacher attrition rate has been 15 percent or more over the last three school years.
- C. I agree to work full time in an eligible school system two years for each academic year I have received Robert Noyce scholarship assistance
- D. I agree to provide WVU with written evidence of compliance with the above requirements, AND to notify the University at such time as I am not in compliance with any of the requirements.
- E. I agree to inform WVU promptly in writing or electronically of any change in my name, permanent address, or other personal information disclosed in the "Student Information Section" of this agreement, AND if my employment in a high need school system ceases prior to fulfilling the required time commitment.
- F. I agree to allow WVU personnel or appointed representatives to collect information required for the evaluation of the program. This information may include but is not limited to: demographic information on the composition of students in my classes, measures of student outcomes, measures of teaching effectiveness, and information needed to track student outcomes in the West Virginia's Department of Education data system.

II. PROMISSORY NOTE

I agree that if I fail to meet the conditions described in Item I titled "Scholarship Agreement," or if I have ceased to pursue a course of study in STEM and the WVUteach program at WVU, I will repay either the full amount of the scholarship received or a prorated amount according to the fraction of teaching employment obligation not completed.

A. Collection Charges:

1. I agree to pay all reasonable collection costs, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, as determined by WVU.
2. I agree that repayment of scholarship assistance begins six (6) months after I have ceased to pursue the required course of study, or the date that I inform WVU that I have ceased to be employed in an eligible school system prior to fulfilling my employment obligation. Should I not fulfill total employment obligation, I understand that I will be responsible for repaying a prorated portion of my total scholarship assistance based on the percentage of the work obligation remaining.

B. Repayment:

1. I agree to enter repayment status on the first day of the first month after the earliest to occur of any of the following:
 - (i) WVU has determined that I have ceased to be enrolled in a science and/or mathematics teacher education program, but not before six months has elapsed after the cessation of enrollment in such a program; or
 - (ii) The date that I inform WVU that I do not plan to fulfill my teaching employment obligation; or
 - (iii) The latest date on which I must have begun teaching employment in order to have begun such employment within two years after teacher certification for which the scholarship was awarded, as determined by WVU.
2. I agree to make monthly payments to WVU which cover outstanding principal and interest at the maximum legal prevailing rate multiplied by 2, in accordance with P.L. 107-36810(g), and any incurred reasonable collection costs, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, according to a schedule established by WVU, which calls for complete repayment within five years after I enter repayment status (except as provided in Items IIC and IID). If I fail to make any monthly payment as required by the schedule established by WVU, and such failure persists for a period of 180 days, WVU, without further notice, may accelerate the balance of the outstanding principal due, and I promise to pay such amount and reasonable collection charges, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, to WVU. It is further my understanding that if I do not make the monthly payments as required by the schedule established by WVU, WVU will engage in collection efforts, including notification of credit bureaus concerning my default and litigation, similar to the collection efforts which are used by lenders and guarantee agencies in the guaranteed student loan program, and that those collection procedures are generally described in 34 CFR Part 682.

C. Deferment: I understand that I will not be considered in violation of the repayment schedule during the time that I am:

1. Enrolled in a full time course of study in STEM and the WVUteach program at WVU.
2. Serving, not in excess of three (3) years, on active duty as a member of armed services of the United States.
3. Temporarily disabled, for a period not to exceed three (3) years, as established by sworn affidavit of a qualified physician.
4. Unable to secure employment for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months by reason of the care required by a spouse who is disabled.
5. Seeking and unable to find employment for a single period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; or
6. Unable to satisfy the terms of the repayment schedule established by WVU (as described in Item IIB [1]) and am also seeking and unable to find employment as a full or part time science and/or mathematics 7-12 teacher for a single period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

During the time I qualify for any of the exceptions described in this Item IIC, I need not make the scholarship repayments described in Item IIB. In order to qualify for any of these exceptions, I must promptly notify WVU of my claim and provide supporting documentation acceptable to WVU.

WVU shall extend the five-year scholarship repayment period described in Item IIB(2) by a period equal to the length of time I meet any of the conditions in Item IIC, or if I am unable to complete the scholarship repayments within this five-year period because of my financial condition which has been established to the satisfaction of WVU, and on which basis WVU has granted to me a reduced schedule of repayments reflecting my financial condition.

D. Cancellation: WVU shall cancel my repayment obligation if it determines:

1. On the basis of a sworn affidavit of a qualified physician, that I am unable to work as a 7-12 teacher because of an impairment that is expected to continue indefinitely or results in death.
2. That I have become totally and permanently disabled as established by a sworn affidavit of a qualified physician.
3. On the basis of a death certificate or other evidence of death that is conclusive under West Virginia law.
4. Circumstances have occurred that WVU considers as a compelling reason to excuse repayment.

E. General:

1. I agree to advise WVU promptly in writing of any change in name, address, or deferment status as described in Section IIC.
2. I understand that I may appeal any determination made by WVU that I am not in compliance with any of the requirements of the program.
3. I understand that I must be enrolled in a 7-12 science and/or mathematics teacher education program at West Virginia University.
4. I understand that I must be pursuing a course of study leading to either a bachelors degree and secondary teacher certification in science and/or mathematics.
5. I understand that I must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by WVU, and that scholarship assistance will end if I do not make satisfactory progress during any term of my enrollment.

Please indicate your acceptance of these terms and conditions by signing this agreement and promissory note and returning it to Amanda Backus at the WVUteach house.

Student Signature: My signature below certifies that I have read and agree to the commitments presented in this agreement and promissory note.

Signature Date