

GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENT

As a recipient of the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG), I agree to the following:

SECTION I – PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. I am enrolled in a professional preparation program offered by an institution as defined in [California Code of Regulations Title 5 §30520](#).
2. I agree to complete my program and earn my preliminary teaching credential or pupil personnel services credential within six years of the first distribution of grant funds.
3. I commit to work at a priority school for four years within eight years of the date I complete my professional preparation program.

SECTION II – SERVICE COMMITMENT

1. I commit to work at a priority school or California preschool program (as defined in [California Code of Regulations Title 5 §30520](#)) for four years within eight years of the date I complete my professional preparation program. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) will post a list of GSTG-eligible priority schools and California preschool programs for each school year on the [GSTG Program](#) website.
2. I understand that I must fulfill my service commitment at a school site listed on either the GSTG Priority Schools List published for the school year I initially received the grant, or the list published for the school year I am seeking employment for after completing my program.
3. I understand that I must work in a position that utilizes the credential earned as a result of completing the program I was enrolled in when awarded the GSTG.
4. I understand that any time working prior to completing my program and obtaining my credential will not be counted towards my service commitment.
5. I agree to provide annual employment verification of the required service consistent with CSAC's verification process.

SECTION III – REPAYMENT OBLIGATION

1. I understand that I will be required to repay CSAC up to 100% of my award should I fail to do one or more of the following, except as specified in Section IV of this agreement:
 - a) Complete my program and earn my preliminary teaching credential or pupil personnel services credential within six years of the first distribution of grant funds – 100% repayment.
 - b) Complete the required service commitment as defined in Section II of this agreement. For every year my service commitment is not met, I will be required to repay 25% of my total award amount.
 - 1 year complete – Repay 75% of the awarded amount.
 - 2 years complete – Repay 50% of the awarded amount.
 - 3 years complete – Repay 25% of the awarded amount.
 - 4 years complete – No repayment; Service commitment is complete.
2. I shall provide written email notice to CSAC at goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov within 30 calendar days of failing to meet program requirements. If I believe any of the exceptions described in Section IV of this agreement apply, the notice shall include documentation to support my claim.
 - a) CSAC shall have 30 calendar days to review the written notice and determine repayment obligations, if any.
 - b) If CSAC determines that repayment is required, the first payment shall be due on the first day of the month following the determination.
3. I shall make monthly payments to CSAC based on a repayment schedule that will complete my repayment obligation within four years after I enter repayment status.
4. If I fail to comply with my repayment obligations, CSAC may seek repayment through tax refund or wage garnishment to collect monies owed until my repayment obligation has been met.

SECTION IV – REPAYMENT EXCEPTIONS

1. I understand that I may request to be exempt from repayment for any year I was unable to complete my service commitment by emailing documentation supporting any of the approved repayment exceptions described in this section to goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov.
2. A school year shall be counted toward the required four-year service commitment if I am unable to complete the school year when any of the following repayment exceptions occur:
 - a) I completed eligible service for at least one-half of the school year.
 - b) My employer deems me to have fulfilled my contractual requirements for the school year for the purposes of salary increases, probationary or permanent status, and retirement.
 - c) I was not able to work due to the financial circumstances of the school district, including non-renewal of my contract for the succeeding school year.
 - d) I have a condition covered under the federal [Family and Medical Leave Act of 1996 \(29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.\)](#) or similar state law, or otherwise can demonstrate a physical or mental disability recognized by the Social Security Administration that prevented me from completing my program or service commitment.
 - e) I was called or ordered to active-duty status for more than 30 days as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SECTION V – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. I agree to respond to all communications and comply with all requests from CSAC.
2. I shall provide written notification to CSAC at goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov within 30 days of any change in my legal name, mailing address, email address, or phone number.
3. I shall comply with any procedures deemed necessary and appropriate by CSAC, all conditions cited in this agreement, and all applicable rules and regulations.

AWARD DETAILS

CSAC ID: **000000000**

Academic Year: **2023**

Eligible: **Yes**

Total Paid in Previous Years: **\$5,000**

Institution: **00000000 – INSTITUTION NAME**

Application Status: **WAITING SA**

Enrolled Terms: **FL, SP**

Award Amount: **\$15,000**

DECLARATION

I, as a Golden State Teacher Grant recipient, agree to the above terms and conditions.

If you would like to accept less than the amount above, do not sign this agreement. Please contact your institution's GSTG Coordinator to adjust the award amount.

Date: 07/01/2023 12:00:00 AM

Accept

Decline

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