



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3333.391 Ohio teaching fellows program.

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(A) As used in this section and in section 3333.392 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Academic year" shall be as defined by the chancellor of higher education.

(2) "Hard-to-staff school" and "hard-to-staff subject" shall be as defined by the department of education and workforce.

(3) "Parent" means the parent, guardian, or custodian of a qualified student.

(4) "Qualified service" means teaching at a qualifying school.

(5) "Qualifying school" means a hard-to-staff school district building or a school district building that has a persistently low performance rating, as determined jointly by the chancellor and the department of education and workforce, under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code at the time the recipient becomes employed by the district.

(B) If the chancellor of higher education determines that sufficient funds are available from general revenue fund appropriations made to the department of higher education or to the chancellor, the chancellor and the department of education and workforce jointly may develop and agree on a plan for the Ohio teaching fellows program to promote and encourage high school seniors to enter and remain in the teaching profession. Upon agreement of such a plan, the chancellor shall establish and administer the program in conjunction with the department of education and workforce and with the cooperation of teacher training institutions. Under the program, the chancellor annually shall provide scholarships to students who commit to teaching in a qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon graduation from a teacher training program at a state institution of higher education or an Ohio nonprofit institution of higher education that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code. The scholarships shall be for up to four years at the undergraduate level at an amount determined by the chancellor based on state appropriations.



(C) The chancellor shall adopt a competitive process for awarding scholarships under the teaching fellows program, which shall include minimum grade point average and scores on national standardized tests for college admission. The process shall also give additional consideration to all of the following:

- (1) A person who has participated in the program described in division (A) of section 3333.39 of the Revised Code;
- (2) A person who plans to specialize in teaching students with special needs;
- (3) A person who plans to teach in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

The chancellor shall require that all applicants to the teaching fellows program shall file a statement of service status in compliance with section 3345.32 of the Revised Code, if applicable, and that all applicants have not been convicted of, plead guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for any violation listed in section 3333.38 of the Revised Code.

(D) Teaching fellows shall complete the four-year teaching commitment within not more than seven years after graduating from the teacher training program. Failure to fulfill the commitment shall convert the scholarship into a loan to be repaid under section 3333.392 of the Revised Code.

(E) The chancellor shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to administer this section and section 3333.392 of the Revised Code.