



STUDENT FINANCIAL AID BULLETIN

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TOPICS:	ACT 59 & Geaux Teach Scholarship Program and 2025-2026 Geaux Teach Allocations

The Geaux Teach Program provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs at the state's postsecondary institutions that are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Funding is also available to students attending certified alternative teacher preparation programs approved by BESE. Awards began with the 2022-2023 academic year. Financial aid offices should work with their college's School of Education to identify eligible applicants.

ACT 59 Provisions

ACT 59 of the 2025 Louisiana Legislature provides that awards for the Geaux Teach Undergraduate and Graduate, Alternate/Certification programs be applied **before** all other state or institutional financial aid rather than after state and institutional aid. The award is still applicable only to the cost of tuition, required fees, textbooks and instructional materials required for the course of study.

Additional Funding

An additional \$734,493.00 dollars was appropriated for the Geaux Teach scholarship for the 2025-26 award year; \$587,595 for the undergraduate program and \$146,898 for the graduate alternate/certification program.

Initial Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Geaux Teach Program scholarship, a student must:

- Be a US citizen and if required, registered with the Selective Service; and
- Be a Louisiana resident for at least two full years prior to July 1 immediately preceding the academic year in which the student will be enrolled in a qualified program of study; and
- Be enrolled full time in an approved teacher preparation program at an approved institution or enrolled in an approved, alternative certified teacher education program through the census date; and
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative college GPA.

- File a FAFSA or complete the Geaux Teach residency affidavit if residency cannot be established through the FAFSA.
- Initial applicants must complete the Geaux Teach online application. <https://mylosfa.la.gov/geaux-teach-application-2/>

Continuing Eligibility Requirements

To maintain eligibility to receive a Geaux Teach Program scholarship, a student must:

- Have received the award for not more than four academic years; and
- Maintain a minimum cumulative college GPA of at least 2.50; and
- Enroll full time in an approved teacher preparation program at a Louisiana postsecondary institution or enrolled in an approved, alternative certified teacher education program through the census date.

Award Amounts:

The maximum annual award is \$5,000. The award amount shall be applied only to tuition, fees, textbooks, and instructional materials required for enrollment. Geaux Teach Program scholarships shall be awarded **before** all state and institutional financial aid are applied. Summer term awards are allowed.

Billing Deadlines:

Fall semester/term – November 1st

Spring semester/term – May 1st

Summer semester/term – July 1st (if applicable)

Packaging Policy:

Eligible institutions/providers must establish and use a policy on Geaux Teach Program packaging that provides:

- A procedure for compliance with program rules
- Record retention
- Basis used to establish any award amount that is less than the maximum award amount allowed

Payment Requests:

A payment request file format must include the following elements:

- Student's name
- Social Security number
- College code/provider name
- Term
- Date
- Hours attempted
- Award amount requested for each student
- CIP code for the program of study
- Increment key

At the end of each semester, term or quarter, the institution/provider shall report the following student data to

LOSFA using the Award System:

- Semester hours attempted and semester hours earned
- Semester quality points earned
- Resignation from the institution/provider or withdrawal from all courses
- Completion of a program of study

Institution/Provider Certification:

No institution/provider shall submit a payment request for Geaux Teach funds which would result in a student receiving an annual total of more than the authorized amount of \$5,000.00.

Award amounts should be reduced to prevent overawards.

2025-2026 Geaux Teach Allocations:

The amounts allocated to eligible institutions and providers during the 2025-2026 academic year are divided among all institutions with one or more qualified programs of study. Twenty percent (20%) of the allocation is awarded to students enrolled in certified alternative teacher certification programs approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Beginning with the **2024-2025** academic year and each year of funding thereafter, allocations to eligible institutions and providers will be determined by dividing the amount of the institution's/provider's prior year's allocation that was expended by the total amount appropriated for that academic year multiplied by the total amount appropriated for the current year.

Reallocation of Unused Funds

Amounts that were allocated to postsecondary institutions and/or providers that did not spend any of their allocation were swept from their allocations for the 2025-2026 academic year. This funding was then spread amongst those providers who expended funding during the 2024-2025 academic year. All postsecondary institutions and providers were allocated a percentage of new funding that has been appropriated for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please see allocation chart on Page 4.

Questions regarding the Geaux Teach Program scholarship should be emailed to Deborah Paul at Deborah.paul@la.gov.

2025-2026

Geaux Teach Allocations

School	2025-2026 Allocations	
	Undergraduate Teaching Program	Alternate Certification Program
LSU-BR	\$134,800	\$26,231
LSU-A	\$58,725	\$32,475
LSU-S	\$42,414	
LSU SYSTEM SUB-TOTAL	\$235,939	\$58,706
Southern-BR	\$126,546	\$22,667
Southern-NO		\$6,387
SU SYSTEM SUB-TOTAL	\$126,546	\$29,054
Grambling	\$56,114	\$10,508
LA Tech	\$175,217	\$35,599
McNeese	\$81,521	\$6,387
Nicholls	\$151,352	\$6,387
Northwestern	\$155,713	\$23,773
Southeastern	\$198,825	\$35,595
University of LA - Lafayette	\$199,673	\$16,531
University of LA - Monroe	\$44,976	\$21,120
University of New Orleans	\$46,940	\$6,387
UL SYSTEM SUB-TOTAL	\$1,110,331	\$162,287
Centenary	\$111,473	\$21,922
LA Christian University	\$149,413	\$27,351
Loyola	\$117,784	\$26,675
University of Holy Cross	\$49,253	\$17,507
Tulane		\$29,005
Xavier	\$39,261	\$29,337
INDEPENDENTS' SUB-TOTAL	\$467,184	\$151,797
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A-PEL		\$22,613
Louisiana Resource Center for Educators (LRCE)		\$18,560
The New Teacher Project (TNTP Academy)		\$35,596
OTHER ALT CERTIFICATION SUB-TOTAL		\$83,156
Total Undergraduate	\$1,940,000	
Total Alt. Certification		\$485,000
Grand Total	\$2,425,000	