

Subject Higher Education: teacher candidates of color financial aid provided

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Overview

This bill establishes a Teacher Candidates of Color scholarship program, administered by the Office of Higher Education, for students from certain underrepresented groups who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Teacher Candidates of Color Scholarships.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes the scholarship program.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Eligibility. Requires that a scholarship recipient: (1) be admitted to an approved teacher preparation program; (2) self-identify as belonging to a group underrepresented among the teacher population; (3) be making satisfactory academic progress; (4) be a Minnesota resident; and (5) have a gross family income of less than \$125,000.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Amount. Allows scholarships in amounts between \$1,000 and \$10,000 per term, depending on the total appropriation and applicants' incomes. Provides that amounts may be prorated for part-time students. Restricts individual's maximum lifetime award to \$25,000.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Distribution. Provides that scholarships be paid to the recipient's institution after the institution confirms certain eligibility criteria.</p>
2	<p>Appropriations.</p> <p>Contains a blank appropriation for the new program in section 1, and a blank appropriation for the existing Teacher Candidate Grant program.</p>