

The Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program Fact Sheet

CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

Year	Applicants Awarded	Average Award	Expended Funds
2000-01	1,614	\$2,972	\$4,797,127
2001-02	1,779	\$1,844	\$3,280,503
2002-03	1,834	\$ 962	\$1,764,111
2003-04	2,106	\$ 823	\$1,732,558
2004-05	2,414	\$ 696	\$1,681,220

- 1 out of 5 children and adolescents will experience a significant mental health problem during their education years.
- Florida is 1 of 10 states that reports over 100 psycho-educational evaluations a year. Few school psychologists can deliver comprehensive services if they are involved in more than 100 evaluations.
- 4 out of 10 current school psychologists are predicted to retire between 2003 and 2010, more than half by 2015, and 2 out of 3 by 2020.
- Over the next 10 years, Florida is predicted to have an additional 50,000 students each year, which will require more school psychologists.
- NASP recommends a maximum student-to-school psychologist ratio of 1000 to 1. In 2004, Florida had an estimated student-to-school psychologist ratio of 2,702 to 1.
- Funding for The Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program has been going down every year for the past 5 years.
- The Government Accountability Office found that loan forgiveness recipients were more likely to complete their service commitment and continue service after their obligation had expired.
- Loan forgiveness programs minimize the risk that someone will commit to a particular major to qualify for financial aid, but will not continue in the field or perform their required service.

Average Tuition for Specialist Degree in School Psychology in Florida

Florida Residents	Non-Florida Residents
\$26,619.15	\$63,105.09
Median: \$21,650.00	Median: \$62,429.04

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