

Office of Inter-Governmental Relations, Professional Learning & Accountability

# TEACHERS OF TOMORROW GRANT

## TEACHER TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AVAILABLE NOW FOR 2024-2025



**APPLY ONLINE  
BY APRIL 4, 2025**



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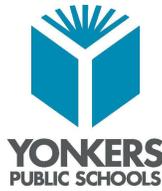
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## Teacher Tuition Reimbursement Program

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Tuition Reimbursement Program is to provide funds to school districts to reimburse teachers for courses taken towards meeting requirements for professional certification. Reimbursement awards of up to \$700 per course (or the actual cost for an approved course, whichever is less) are available to teachers with initial or transitional certification who do **NOT** hold any professional or permanent certification in New York State. Initial awards may be received for up to three courses (\$2,100) and then renewed for a second year (for up to three courses), but the total initial and renewal awards combined may not exceed \$4,200. There is a one-year service agreement for each award given (up to \$2,100), irrespective of the amount awarded. The maximum award a teacher may receive is \$2,100 per year or \$4,200 for two years, provided that he/she is still in need of six courses for professional certification.

### **Definition:**

**Approved Course:** A course in a registered program for the preparation of teachers at an accredited New York State higher education institution, which is taken towards meeting requirements for professional certification to teach in the public schools in New York State.

**Eligible Applicants:** School districts may apply for these awards to provide tuition reimbursement to teachers who must meet all three conditions:

- with initial, transitional, or provisional certification who do **NOT** hold any permanent or professional certification to teach in public schools in New York State
- who are employed full-time for the school year by a public school in a teacher shortage area or subject shortage area (see Attachment VIII)
- who agree to teach one year in a teacher or subject shortage area as a condition of receiving the award

### **Allowable Expenses:**

Funds may be used for tuition for courses required for professional or permanent certification. Teachers can receive a second award for up to three additional courses provided that:

- The teacher still has three courses required for permanent/professional certification; and
- The recipient has provided satisfactory teaching service in the previous year.

### **Non-allowable Expenses:**

- Funds may **NOT** be used for professional development courses required to fulfill the 175 hours of Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) Requirements. See <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/175.html>
- Funds may **NOT** be used for courses in excess of those required for professional or permanent certification.
- Funds may **NOT** be used for fringe benefits or indirect or administrative costs on the awards.