Contact Info for the University of Wyoming Financial Aid Office

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Wyoming Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program

Wyoming Statute 21-7-601 created the Wyoming Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment program (TSLR) in order to address the state’s current and future shortage of qualified teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, special education and foreign language. Through the program, Wyoming residents or graduates of a Wyoming High School who meet the following requirements may be eligible to receive a TSLR loan to help pay the unmet financial need of attendance at the University of Wyoming. Students must be enrolled, in good standing, as at least a junior at UW, majoring in a teacher education program leading to certification as a special education, foreign language, mathematics or science teacher or eligible for an additional endorsement to teach reading or English as a second language.

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES!!!

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS TO RECEIVE TSLR FUNDS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER:

BEFORE 7/15- Student must visit the financial aid office and be in touch with Align to obtain the TSLR Application and Self Certification form.

BEFORE 8/15- Student must return a completed Self Certification form and application to the financial aid office.

BEFORE 9/18- Student must return the Promissory Note (Align will mail or email the student the MPN after they have received notice from the school that the TSLR application has been turned in to the school). This completed MPN will serve as confirmation that the student is accepting the TSLR loan.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who can apply for TSLR?
   Students who are Wyoming residents or graduates of a Wyoming high school are enrolled in good standing in a teacher education program at the University of Wyoming leading to Certification as a special education, math, science or foreign language teacher or eligible for an additional endorsement to teach reading or English as a second language. They must have a class standing of at least a junior for the first semester for which application for a loan under this program is made and must qualify based on financial need.

2. Where can I get a TSLR application and more information?
   Students must complete the FAFSA. The financial aid office will provide the student with contact information for Align, to have the TSLR Application mailed or emailed to them along with the proper disclosure.

3. How large of a TSLR loan can I receive?
   The amount each student may receive depends on the FAFSA that is completed for each school year. The loans are intended to meet the unmet need which can vary greatly from one student to another.

4. Can I get a loan for more than one semester?
   Yes, if the financial aid office determines you are eligible and awards you a TSLR loan, it will be for the full academic year. You will also be eligible to receive the loan for the second year, if you meet the academic requirements of the teaching program and meet the other eligibility requirements of the financial aid office.

5. What is the first step to apply for a TSLR loan?
   Make contact with the financial aid office at the University of Wyoming and contact Align for an application and Self Certification form. (Contact details can be found on the back of this brochure).

6. Will I have to fill out additional paperwork for the second year of funding?
   No, once you have applied, been approved and accepted the loan you will be funded for both the junior and senior years of the teaching program (special education teachers may have a third year of funding available).

7. How do I repay the TSLR loan?
   Acquire the appropriate teacher certification as listed in FAQ #1 and work in a public school in Wyoming, teaching in the appropriate area at least 50% of all working hours.