



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant

2009-2010

Priority Deadline: August 1, 2009

AWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant Program was enacted by the Massachusetts Legislature to provide financial incentives for eligible paraprofessionals who wish to pursue teacher education and become certified to teach full-time in Massachusetts public schools. Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant recipients may receive grant assistance if enrolled full or part-time in an eligible program as specified, at an eligible two-year or four-year public or private college or university in Massachusetts. Grant recipients are subject to the following terms and conditions:

Student Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for the Paraprofessional Grant, a student must:

- * Be employed, for a minimum of two years, as a paraprofessional in a public school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and continue employment as a paraprofessional, or
- * If employed for less than two years, be enrolled in and pursuing a course of study that will lead to certification as a teacher in math, science, or foreign language
- * Be enrolled in an undergraduate program of study, and have not earned a prior bachelor's degree
- * Sign an agreement to teach in a Massachusetts Public School, as required by the Board of Higher Education, one year for each year of full or partial grant received
- * Be a permanent resident of Massachusetts and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- * Be eligible under Title IV and not in default of a state or federal student loan, or owe a refund on any federal or state grant

Student Responsibilities:

As a recipient of the Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant, you are responsible for:

- * Notifying the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance, in writing, of any change in your name, address or social security number, or employment as a paraprofessional
- * Informing the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance, in writing, of a change in your plans to pursue a course of study leading to teacher certification
- * Annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- * Annually complete and return all required forms relating to the Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant Program
- * Notify the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance, in writing, that you have completed your degree program

Grant Acceptance Terms:

If you accept the grant, you agree to:

- * Enroll as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student in an eligible degree program leading to teacher certification
- * Maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with institutional policy on all college work
- * Upon request, provide an official college transcript to demonstrate academic progress in an eligible degree program, as required
- * Complete your educational program within a reasonable timeframe upon entering college
- * Complete the requirements for teacher certification for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- * Teach in a Massachusetts public school

If you fail to comply with the teaching obligation, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require that you repay the amount of the grant received, prorated according to the fraction of teaching obligation not completed, as determined by the Board of Higher Education.

**PARAPROFESSIONALS TEACHER PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM
2009-2010 APPLICATION**

Applicant Information:

Last Name First Middle Social Security Number

Permanent Address City State Zip County

Telephone No. (_____) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Male ____ Female _____

E-mail _____

Ethnic/Racial Background (optional):

____ American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Hispanic/Latino _____ Multi-racial/Other
____ Asian/Pacific Islander/Indian Subcontinent _____ Cape Verde an
____ Black/African American (non-Hispanic) _____ White (non-Hispanic)

Do you have a prior bachelor's degree? ____ YES ____ NO. If your answer is YES, you are not eligible for the Paraprofessional grant. If your answer is NO, please proceed and complete the application.

College Information:

College you plan to attend in 2009-2010 _____

Location _____

Teacher Education Major/Field of Study _____

Admission Status*: Accepted _____ Pending _____ Will Apply Later _____

Enrollment Status: Please check the appropriate semester(s) and indicate number of credits you plan to enroll:

2009 Fall ____ No. of Credits ____ 2010 Spring ____ No. of Credits ____

2010 Summer ____ No. of Credits ____

Academic Grade Level:

() 1st year undergraduate/Freshman () 4th year undergraduate/Senior
() 2nd year undergraduate/Sophomore () 5th year undergraduate
() 3rd year undergraduate/Junior () Other _____ (Specify)

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____
month / year

*You must be admitted as a matriculated student in a degree program, which will lead to teacher certification, before your application can be considered. In addition to this application, you must complete the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Paraprofessional Employment History:

Are you currently employed as a paraprofessional in a Massachusetts public school? ___NO ___YES

If yes, please complete the following:

Name of Employer _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Position/Title: _____ Date Employment Began: _____

Month/Date/Year

If employed for less than two years in current position, please list previous paraprofessional employment:

Name of School _____

Address _____

City

State

Zip

Position/Title _____ Date Employment Began _____

Month/Date/Year

Note: The Proof of Employment form must be submitted with this application.

Intent to teach:

Recipients of the Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant must agree to teach in a Massachusetts public school upon completing the requirements for teacher certification. By signing below, you acknowledge your understanding of this requirement as a condition for accepting this award. Your signature also indicates your intent to become licensed to teach in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, upon completion of your educational program, in a Massachusetts public school. You also understand that if you fail to comply with the teaching obligation, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require that you repay the amount of the grant received, prorated according to the fraction of teaching obligation not completed, as determined by the Board of Higher Education. Your signature also indicates that you have received, read, and agreed to the Award Terms and Conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____

In addition to this application you must complete the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Return this application and the Proof of Employment form to:

Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant Program

Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance

454 Broadway, Suite 200

Revere, MA 02151

Phone 617.727.9420 Fax 617.727.0667



Paraprofessionals Teacher Preparation Grant
Proof of Employment Form
2009-2010

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Applicant Information

_____			_____	
Last Name	First	Middle	Social Security Number	
_____			_____	_____
Permanent Address	City	State	Zip	County
_____(_____)_____	____/____/____	_____		
Telephone Number	Date of Birth	E-mail address		

Paraprofessional Employment Information

This section must be completed by a representative from the Human Resources Department, or other school official.

Place of Employment _____
Name of School _____

Employee's Title/Position _____

Date of Employment _____

_____		_____	
Signature of School Official	Date	Print Name	
_____		_____	
E-mail address		Phone Number	

Please return this form to:

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Eligible Colleges and Universities
2009-2010

American International College	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Anna Maria College	Massasoit Community College
Assumption College	Merrimack College
Atlantic Union College	Middlesex Community College
Bay Path College	Montserrat College of Art
Becker College	Mount Holyoke College
Berklee College of Music	Mount Ida College
Berkshire Community College	Mount Wachusett Community College
Boston College	Nichols College
Boston Conservatory of Music	New England Conservatory of Music
Boston University	Northeastern University
Brandeis University	Northern Essex Community College
Bridgewater State College	North Shore Community College
Bristol Community College	Pine Manor College
Bunker Hill Community College	Quinsigamond Community College
Cape Cod Community College	Regis College
Clark University	Roxbury Community College
College of Holy Cross	Salem State College
Curry College	Simmons College
Eastern Nazarene College	Smith College
Elms College	Springfield College
Emerson College	Stonehill College
Emmanuel College	Springfield Technical Community College
Endicott College	Suffolk University
Fitchburg State College	Tufts University
Framingham State College	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Greenfield Community College	University of Massachusetts Boston
Gordon College	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Harvard University	Wellesley College
Hellenic College	Western New England College
Holyoke Community College	Westfield State College
Lasell College	Wheaton College
Lesley University	Wheelock College
Massachusetts Bay Community College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Massachusetts College of Art	Worcester State College

Note: Two-year colleges must have a MassTransfer, Joint Admissions or Articulation Agreement with a four-year college or university offering an eligible degree program.