

# Scholarship Terms and Conditions

## Preparation of Rural Special Educators: Imperial Valley

Department of Special Education  
San Diego State University

There are two important considerations to keep in mind as you decide whether to apply for this scholarship:

1. Scholarship support is dependent upon your remaining in good standing with both the University and the Department of Special Education throughout your participation in the credential program. If for any reason you are suspended, put on probation or in any other way prevented from progressing towards your credential for any length of time, you will automatically become ineligible for scholarship support during the period of suspension/probation. If you are subsequently reinstated by the University or Department, then you will become eligible for financial support again. Also, if for any reason you are required to repeat coursework that the scholarship has already funded once, you will be responsible for covering the expense on your own. The scholarship *cannot* pay for the same coursework twice.
2. The scholarship comes with a **service obligation**. Specifically, if you accept scholarship support, the federal government will require you to teach special education in a public school for a period that is twice as long as the period over which you receive scholarship support. For example, if you receive support for one year, you will be required to teach at least two years after completing your credential; if you receive support for two years, then you will be required to teach for at least four years. As long as you fulfill this obligation, the scholarship money you receive does not need to be repaid. However, if you do not teach special education in a public school for the required period, the federal government will require you to pay back the scholarship money you received. In a sense, then, this money is essentially a forgivable government loan, with the loan being forgiven if you fulfill your teaching obligation. All scholarship recipients will be required to sign official documentation acknowledging their understanding of the obligation and agreeing to its terms. All recipients will also be required to respond to annual employment surveys from the Project Office. These surveys help the office comply with federal regulations to monitor all students' fulfillment of their teaching obligations. Once your teaching obligation has been completed, the surveys will cease. This also means that you must keep the Project Office informed if you move.

Please be certain that you are comfortable with these requirements before you apply for this scholarship.

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