Project REACH offers $5000 toward your Master of Arts in Education degree

What is Project REACH?
Project REACH (Responding to Educational Communities with High Needs) is a collaboration between University of Phoenix and high-need school districts/complexes in Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii* and American Samoa. Project REACH is funded by the United States Department of Education Transition to Teaching Program to support the recruitment and retention of highly qualified teachers in high-need areas.

The Department of Education will contribute approximately 2.6 million dollars over five years toward Project REACH. These funds are available to individuals interested in earning their Master of Arts in Education (MAED) degrees in Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education. If you are interested in earning your degree, you may be eligible for a $5,000 stipend toward your tuition in a teacher education program for Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education.

Who is eligible for Project REACH funds?
Potential candidates for Project REACH will possess a bachelor's degree in an area other than education and be any one of the following: recent college graduate, paraprofessional, mid-career professional or retired military who would like to earn their MAED and commit to teach for three years in an approved high-need area. Consideration will be given for outstanding academic achievement, commitment to teaching in a high-need area, and a professional recommendation.

Candidate Requirements
Candidates must:

☐ Plan to pursue, or be currently less than half-way through, an MAED program in Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education at University of Phoenix
☐ Have a Bachelor's degree in an area other than education
☐ Be in good standing on previous and current student loans
☐ Be interested in obtaining initial state teacher licensure/certification
☐ Be willing to teach for three consecutive years in an approved high-need district/complex and school in Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, or American Samoa

For further information on requirements for approved Project REACH recipients, please visit our website: www.uopx.com/projectreach

* Individuals who reside in Hawaii may not use the grant funds to pursue the TED Secondary program for Math or Science. If you wish to teach in Hawaii, MMR immunization and/or TB clearance may be required prior to student teaching. Contact your campus of attendance for more information.
What are the benefits of Project REACH?

Students accepted for this program receive:

- Tuition stipend of $5,000 towards the completion of a Master of Arts in Education degree at University of Phoenix Online, or ground campuses in Phoenix or Tucson, Arizona; Las Vegas or Reno, Nevada; or Honolulu, Hawaii
- Waiver of reSource fees (APA style guide is not included)
- Waiver of admissions application fees (if applying before or simultaneously with admission)
- Online mentor support for the first year of teaching in a high-need school following graduation
- Assistance with student teaching placement in an approved high-need school
- Convenient, high quality courses leading to a Master of Arts in Education
- Benefits of increased earning potential

The dollar amount of federal funds for the project is $2,579,067 over a five year period. The percentage of the total cost of the project that will be financed with federal funds is 67% and 33% from non-governmental funds.

Please visit www.fafsa.gov for additional financial aid possibilities.

How Do I Apply for Project REACH?

Candidates for Project REACH must complete an application process which includes the following:

- One letter of recommendation from any principal, superintendent or school administrative director
- Personal essay explaining your desire to teach in a high-need school
- Documentation showing completion of the current FAFSA form and proof of no default on any student loans
- Fingerprint clearance documentation
- Scores/results or confirmation of registration for state designated subject knowledge exam (fees are the obligation of the participant)
- A signed Participant Service Agreement committing to teach in a participating high-need school for three years
- A signed Letter of Agreement
- Bachelor's degree transcripts (unofficial are acceptable)

*Please use the “Application Information” option on our website to download your application materials and instructions.

For further information or university enrollment assistance, contact us at:

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