What is it?

The Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program-Student Teaching (AETP-ST) provides forgivable loans to eligible students who are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate teacher education program at an eligible Nebraska institution working toward their initial certificate to teach in Nebraska and are student teaching for the upcoming academic year.

Eligible students may apply for an AETP-ST forgivable loan in an amount of $3,000 during the academic year in which they student teach.

Funding is provided by the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund using a portion of the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund dollars.

Who is eligible?

To be considered for an Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program-ST forgivable loan, you must:

- Enroll in an approved teacher education undergraduate or graduate program at a Nebraska institution;
- Meet resident student requirements;
- Student teach during the academic year in which you apply for an AETP-ST forgivable loan;
- Be a full-time student enrolled in 24 semester undergraduate credit hours or 18 semester graduate credit hours in a 12-month period;
- Major in a teacher shortage area *;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or graduated in the top quarter of your class;
- Agree to complete the teacher education program;
- Become certified in a teacher shortage area; and
- Teach in the shortage area in a Nebraska school.

*For more information on shortage areas see: https://www.education.ne.gov/educatorprep/teacher-shortage-survey/