

PURPOSE



The purpose of the San José Future Teacher Loan Program is to increase the number of qualified individuals teaching in public schools serving San José youth.

Qualified students enrolled in an approved teacher preparation program at San José State, Santa Clara, National Hispanic, or National Universities will be eligible for a loan of up to \$3,000 per year (with a maximum of \$15,000 over five years) that may be used for tuition, fees, books, or other education related materials. The City will forgive an amount equal to the annual loan amount awarded (maximum amount forgiven: \$3,000 per year; \$15,000 over five years), for each year the loan recipient teaches in a K-12 public school serving a student population of which 50% or more are San José residents.

Loan recipients will be obligated to repay the full amount of the loan if they do not complete their education, are unable to obtain employment upon completion, or change their program of study. More detailed information on the loan obligation will be provided if a loan is awarded.

"Thanks to The San José Future Teacher Loan Program, I feel connected to, and appreciated by, the very city in which I will teach."

David Albert Smith

SELECTION PROCESS

San José Future Teacher Loans will be awarded to eligible applicants based on a competitive process. Applicants must demonstrate personal merit and a commitment to teaching through leadership in school, civic, and extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to give service and to succeed.

Once City staff has determined that an application is complete and basic program eligibility has been established, the program's review panel will evaluate the loan application. The Panel will review each application and award loans on the basis of personal merit and commitment to teaching. Leadership in school, civic, and extracurricular activities, academic achievement and motivation to serve and succeed will be the criteria for the award.

An application will not be complete until all of the following documents have been received:

- Loan Application (available at your College Dean's Office)
- Applicant Essay
- Copy of high school/college transcript
- Three letters of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or personal friend. Applicant may submit only one letter of recommendation from a personal friend.

ELIGIBILITY



Must be a San José resident.



Must be accepted or currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program at San José State, Santa Clara, National Hispanic, or National Universities.



Must currently have, and continue to maintain, good academic standing with a grade point average of 2.5 or better, (3.0 or better for a 5th year/credential student) on a 4.0 scale.



Must complete and submit all required application materials and all other documentation demonstrating enrollment, course load, grade point average, and other requirements of the loan program.

