



Wayne State College (WSC) Wildcat Initiative for STEM Education (WISE) Noyce Scholars Program (Program) Scholarship Agreement (Agreement) including Recipient Information, Terms and Conditions, Recipient Recitals, and Promissory Note

As required by the National Science Foundation,
Directorate for Education and Human Resources, Division of Undergraduate Education

Directions: Students selected to receive a WSC WISE Noyce Scholarship (Scholarship) must read the Terms and Conditions (Terms), Recipient Recitals (Recitals), and Promissory Note (Note); and provide the required Recipient Information and signature. A copy of this Agreement is to be retained by the scholarship Recipient and the original Agreement must be signed in person in the office of Student Financial Services, Hahn Administration Building, Room 104, 402-375-7229, sfs@wsc.edu. Recipient must have government issued photo id present at the time of signing.

Section I: Recipient Information

Recipient (hereafter referred to also as Borrower, they, their, I, me, or my). Please print neatly or type.					
1. Last Name	First Name	MI	2. NUID Number	3. Social Security Number	
4. Permanent Address			5. Home Telephone ()	6. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
City	State	Zip Code	7. E-mail address	8. Driver's License Number (list state abbreviation first)	
9. Secondary Contacts: Recipient must provide <u>two</u> secondary contacts with different addresses who will know how to contact Recipient in the future. The first reference should be a parent (if living) or other relative. This information will be used to contact Recipient during the teaching or repayment periods, if necessary.					
Name	A.		B.		
Permanent Address					
City, State, Zip Code					
Area Code/Telephone					
Relationship to Recipient					

Section II: Terms and Conditions

A. Purpose of the Noyce Scholarship Program – the Recipient’s Service Obligation

In recognition of the critical correlation between teacher quality, including mastery of content knowledge, and student achievement, the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program, named for a pioneer of semiconductor development and founder of the semiconductor industry, seeks to encourage talented mathematics, science, and engineering students and current science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) professionals to pursue teaching careers. Grants to institutions of higher education provide funds for scholarships for STEM students who commit to teaching in high-need school districts. The National Science Foundation awarded funds (Award Number 2150890) to the WSC WISE (Wildcat Initiative for STEM Education) program to provide scholarships to science and mathematics students at WSC who are also pursuing teaching endorsement credentials in the state of Nebraska.

Consistent with the requirements for funding provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Recipient accepts the scholarship with the understanding that it carries with it **a service obligation**. More specifically, in exchange for the scholarship, the Recipient agrees to teach in a “high-need local educational agency” (see definition below) for two years for each year of the scholarship assistance. The Recipient understands that the service obligation duration will be determined in comparison to the duration of the receipt of scholarship assistance. Two semesters of scholarship assistance will equal one full year of scholarship support for purposes of this program. Similarly, the Recipient understands that the extent they must teach in a high-need public school will be determined in comparison to what the school district considers to be teaching on a full-time basis. Full-time basis does not include summers or optional intersession periods for those school districts that operate year-round programs. The total service obligation must be completed within eight (8) years after graduating from WSC.

B. Scholarship Award

The amount of the scholarship will be no less than five thousand dollars (**\$5,000.00**) per semester and no more than eight thousand five hundred dollars (**\$8,500.00**) per semester with a maximum of four semesters of funding possible. Each semester of support after the first semester is dependent on the student maintaining satisfactory academic progress (defined by WSC). Each student will be informed of their maximum award possible when they are initially offered the scholarship.

C. Recipient’s Retention of Scholarship Assistance for Meeting the Service Obligation

The Recipient does not have to repay to WSC the scholarship provided with funds under the NSF Grant Award (Award Number 2150890) if WSC determines that (1) the Recipient meets the academic requirements of the academic program for which the Noyce funds were awarded and (2) the Recipient has fulfilled their service obligation. To determine that the Recipient has met the service obligation, WSC must receive information to confirm that the Recipient, within eight (8) years of graduation from WSC, taught in a high-need local educational agency for at least two years for each year the Recipient received this scholarship assistance. *This equates to one year of service for each semester of scholarship support received.* So that WSC may obtain the information it needs to make these determinations, the Recipient agrees to have the school district in which they have taught provide to WSC information as WSC may require that confirms:

1. The school district in which the Recipient has taught is “high-need” as defined in the “Definition of High-Need Local Educational Agency” below, and
2. The Recipient taught on a full-time basis.

Before the Recipient graduates, WSC will provide written guidance that explains the information the Recipient must have the school district(s) provide to WSC and the date or dates that this information is due.

[Note: To prevent a scholarship Recipient from becoming liable for repaying the scholarship because of a school district's delay in forwarding the required employment information to WSC, WSC will also accept employment information directly from the Recipient. In this case, within eight (8) years of graduation from WSC, the scholarship Recipient must submit to WSC (1) a notarized statement that they have asked the district(s) to provide the needed information and the date(s) this request was made, and (2) a copy of the personal and employment information each school has been asked to submit. When a scholarship Recipient provides only the second option, WSC's determination that they are meeting the service obligation is only provisional. Until each school district provides the information, the scholarship Recipient retains a continuing responsibility to work to get each school district to submit the information as soon as possible.

D. Definition of High-Need Local Educational Agency

Service must be completed within 8 years after graduation from the program for which the scholarship was awarded and must be performed in a high-need local educational agency (agency) as identified by WSC and informed through section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021). Service must be started within twenty-four (24) months after graduation from the program for which the scholarship was awarded or the scholarship converts to a loan that must be repaid, unless the Recipient qualifies for discharge (Section II G) or deferment (Section IV E). For the purposes of this Agreement, a "high-need local educational agency" is a U.S. local educational agency (e.g., school district) that has at least one school that:

A. meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. not less than 20% of the children served by the agency are from low income families;
2. serves at least 10,000 children from low-income families;
3. is eligible for funding under the Small, Rural School Achievement Program under 20 U.S.C. 7345(b); or
4. is eligible for funding under the Rural and Low-Income School Program under 20 U.S.C. 7351(b);

and

B. meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. has a high percentage of teachers not teaching in the academic subject areas or grade levels in which the teachers were trained to teach; or
2. has a high teacher turnover rate or a high percentage of teachers with emergency, provisional, or temporary certification or licensure.

E. Repayment for Failure to Meet Academic Requirements or Service Obligation

The Noyce award will be considered a *loan that must be repaid according to the terms of this Note* (a) if the Recipient fails to satisfy the academic requirements of the academic program for which the Noyce funds were awarded; or (b) if the Recipient fails to complete the service requirement, or (c) if the Recipient does not receive a waiver or suspension of the service obligation (Section II G), or (d) if the Recipient fails to provide adequate documentation for a deferment (as described in Section IV E).

If the scholarship Recipient does not fulfill their service obligation within eight (8) years by teaching two years in a high-need local educational agency for each year they received scholarship support, the Recipient becomes obligated to fully repay the scholarship. If the scholarship Recipient withdraws from WSC prior to graduation or fails to meet the other academic requirements of the scholarship, the Recipient becomes obligated to start repayment of the scholarship within 31 days after (a) their

withdrawal from WSC or (b) their graduation from WSC without meeting all academic requirements of the scholarship.

The Recipient has twenty-four (24) months following graduation from the WSC undergraduate program or completion of the WSC post-baccalaureate program **to begin** teaching in a high-need school or else repayment of the scholarship will start, unless the Recipient receives a waiver or suspension of service obligation (Section II G) or the Recipient qualifies for a deferment (Section IV E).

If upon graduation from WSC and obtaining a teaching license, the scholarship Recipient teaches in a high-need local educational agency for a period that is less than the period of their service obligation, the Recipient becomes responsible for repayment of the percentage of the period for which the service obligation was not fulfilled.

Example: An individual receives a scholarship in the total amount of \$21,500 to attend WSC for 3 semesters (=1.5 academic years). The individual graduates from WSC and works in a high-need local educational agency for two full school years. The individual then moves and takes a teaching position in a school district that is not high need. If the individual remains in the district that is not high-need, then eight (8) years after graduation, the individual has fulfilled two-thirds (2/3) of their service obligation and so must repay one-third (1/3) of the scholarship.

Until the scholarship Recipient either satisfies the service obligation or repays the scholarship, the Recipient agrees to provide WSC a current home address, telephone address, and e-mail and a current work address and telephone, as well as other needed identifying information, as requested by WSC. In addition, the Recipient understands that WSC and the agency are or will be using the Recipient's Social Security number so that WSC (or WSC's contracted agent) can, if necessary, secure payment of these amounts from the Recipient if they fail to meet the service obligation or academic requirements.

F. Default

If the Recipient fails within eight (8) years of (a) graduation from the undergraduate program, (b) completion of the post-baccalaureate program, or (c) ceasing to be enrolled at WSC to provide WSC with contact information stated above (Section II E) or evidence to discharge the required payment (Section II G) as requested by WSC, the loan will be determined in default. In the event of failure to make monthly loan payments for a period that last 90 days or more, the loan will be determined in default. If the loan is in default, the entire unpaid indebtedness may, at the option of WSC, become immediately due and payable. WSC may disclose that the Borrower has defaulted, along with other relevant information, to credit bureau organizations, collection agencies and the federal government. In the event of default and loan is referred to a private collection agency, the scholarship Recipient, is responsible to pay collection agency fees in addition to the principal balance until the entire loan is paid in full. Under default, the Recipient will lose all rights to cancellation or loan forgiveness.

All repaid scholarship funds, including the applicable interest at the Current Value of Funds Rate (CVFR, see Section IV C), less grantee administrative costs associated with collection of the repayment not to exceed 5% of the forfeited amount, will be returned to the United States Treasury.

G. Discharge of a Required Repayment

WSC will waive or suspend an obligation to repay the scholarship of a scholarship Recipient who has died or who demonstrates to WSC's satisfaction that, because of permanent physical or mental disability or some other extraordinary circumstance, they are not employable as a teacher. (See Section IV F of Promissory Note.)

Upon receipt of acceptable documentation and approval of the discharge request, WSC returns to the scholarship Recipient, or for a discharge of death, the Recipient's estate, those payments received after

the date of eligibility requirements for the discharge were met and prior to the date of the discharge was approved. WSC also returns any payments received after the date the discharge was approved.

H. Exit Conference

Before the Recipient graduates or withdraws from WSC, WSC will provide the Recipient an opportunity to review fully the terms and conditions of this scholarship.

Section III: Recipient Recitals

- A) I verify that I am enrolled in a program of study (baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate) with a major in science or mathematics leading to a bachelor's degree and/or license as a secondary education science and/or mathematics teacher, AND I understand that this scholarship assistance will end if I cease to be enrolled in an eligible science and/or mathematics secondary teacher education program.
- B) I verify that I am a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien.
- C) I understand that one of the requirements of continued Noyce scholarship support is maintaining a good academic standing with WSC (i.e. maintaining a 2.75 GPA for undergraduates and 3.00 for post-baccalaureate students).
- D) I understand that my WSC Noyce Scholarship might affect other financial aid awards, and it is up to me to verify this by checking with the WSC Financial Aid Office.
- E) I agree to achieve teacher licensure in science and/or mathematics secondary education AND gain direct teaching experience in a High-Need Local Educational Agency (see Section II, D).
- F) I agree to work full time in an eligible school district two years for each full academic year I have received Noyce scholarship assistance (or work full time in an eligible school district one year for each semester I received Noyce scholarship assistance). I understand this service obligation must be completed within eight (8) years of my graduation from WSC.

If I am unable to find full time employment but do find part time employment ($\frac{1}{2}$ time or greater) in an eligible school district, I agree to work proportionally longer to meet my service obligation. For example, if I receive 1.0 academic year (=2 semesters) of scholarship support and I work $\frac{1}{2}$ time at an eligible school district, I will have a service obligation of 4 years at $\frac{1}{2}$ time employment.

- G) I agree to provide WSC with written evidence of compliance with the above requirements, AND to notify WSC at such times as I am not in compliance with any of the requirements.
- H) I agree to inform WSC promptly in writing or electronically of any change in my name, permanent address or other personal information disclosed in the Recipient Section (Section I) of this Agreement, AND if my employment in a high-need school district ceases prior to fulfilling the required service obligation of the scholarship.
- I) I give permission to WSC to release this information to the National Science Foundation, if required, AND I give Wayne State College permission to publicize my Noyce Scholarship Award and post my photograph.

Section IV: Promissory Note

I understand that the Noyce Scholarship is a forgivable loan if I meet the service obligation and academic requirements outlined in Section II and III.

I agree that if I fail to meet the conditions described in Section II “Terms and Conditions” or Section III “Scholarship Agreement”, or if I have ceased to pursue a course of study in secondary science and/or mathematics education at Wayne State College, I will repay either the full amount of the scholarship received or a prorated amount according to the fraction of teaching employment obligation not completed.

A. Repayment

- 1) I agree to begin repaying my Noyce Scholarship beginning thirty-one (31) days after failing to meet any of the requirements for which the Noyce funds were awarded. These requirements include:
 - a) Maintaining enrollment with good academic standing (GPA \geq 2.75 for undergraduates and GPA $>$ 3.00 for post-baccalaureate students) in the program for which the Noyce funds were awarded;
 - b) Graduating from the program for which the Noyce funds were awarded;
 - c) Applying for and receiving a secondary teacher license in science and/or mathematics;
 - d) Successful participation in all semi-annual and annual submission of demographic/employment/education related survey information associated with the Noyce Scholarship Program; and
 - e) Meet the service obligation of completing 2 years of teaching in an eligible high-need school district for each full year of Noyce Scholarship assistance within eight (8) years of graduating.
- 2) I agree to make monthly payments to Wayne State College which cover the outstanding principal and interest (see Section II E), according to a schedule established by Wayne State College, which calls for complete repayment within five (5) years after I enter repayment status (except as provided in Section IV B and C below).

If I fail to make any monthly payment as required by the schedule established by Wayne State College, and such failure persists for a period of 90 days, Wayne State College, without further notice, may accelerate the balance of the outstanding principal due, and I promise to pay such amount.

It is further my understanding that if I do not make the monthly payments as required by the schedule, Wayne State College will refer my delinquent account to a collection agency. I further understand that I am responsible for paying the collection agency fee which may be based on a percentage at a maximum of 37 percent of my delinquent account, together with all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, necessary for the collection of my delinquent account. As further part of this Agreement I also understand, agree and authorize Wayne State College to use my social security number for internal and external credit reporting and collection purposes. Finally, I understand that my delinquent account may be reported to one or more of the national credit bureaus.

I understand and agree that if I do not make the monthly payments as required by the schedule, Wayne State College will place a financial hold on my student account, preventing me from registering for future classes, requesting transcripts, or receiving my diploma.

B. Loan Cancellation (Service Credit)

To cancel each year’s Noyce Scholarship award, I understand that under this Note I am required to complete two years of service as a science or mathematics teacher in a high-need school district that meets one or more of the criteria identified in Section II and Section III.

If I do not satisfy the academic requirements of the program for which the Noyce Scholarship funds were awarded, I will not be eligible for the loan cancellation benefit.

C. Interest

No interest is charged the Borrower during periods of “continuous enrollment” at WSC. Continuous enrollment means the period of time the Borrower is enrolled without stopping, except for the equivalent of one term per year (such as a summer term). In addition, no interest is charged the Borrower during approved deferment periods or during periods of qualified teaching service. Interest charges begin to accrue at the time the Borrower does not meet the conditions of the loan or the cessation of qualified teaching service. The interest rate is a fixed annual rate as stated below on the amount of the loan received.

Interest on this loan shall accrue from the beginning of the repayment period. My fixed interest rate is calculated using the Current Value of Funds Rate (CVFR), as quoted in the Treasury Financial Manual, on the day my Noyce Scholarship funds came due and payable, multiplied by two.

D. Billing Service

Wayne State College- Student Accounts, 104 Hahn Administration, 1111 Main Street, Wayne, NE 68787 (402-375-7229) will be the billing agent should I enter repayment of the Noyce funds.

E. Deferment

I understand that I will not be considered in violation of the repayment schedule during the time that I am:

1. Enrolled as a full-time student of 12 credits or more at WSC, AND enrolled in a secondary teacher education in science and/or mathematics;
2. Teaching in a qualified high-need school district while meeting service obligation;
3. Serving, not more than three (3) years, on active duty as a member of the armed services of the United States;
4. Temporarily disabled, for a period not to exceed three (3) years, as established by affidavit of a qualified physician;
5. Unable to secure employment for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months because of the care required by a spouse who is disabled; or
6. Seeking and unable to find employment as a science or mathematics teacher in a high-need local educational agency for a single period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

During the time I qualify for any of the exceptions described Section IV E, I need not make the scholarship repayments described in Section IV A. To qualify for any of these exceptions, I must promptly notify the WSC Noyce Scholarship Program of my claim and provide supporting documentation acceptable to the WSC Noyce Scholarship Program.

Wayne State College shall extend the five-year scholarship repayment period described in Section IV A by a period equal to the length of time I meet any of the conditions in Section IV E.

D. Discharge of a Required Repayment

I understand that the WSC Noyce Scholars program shall waive my repayment obligation if WSC determines:

1. On the basis of sworn affidavit of a qualified physician, that I am unable to work as a secondary teacher because of an impairment or disability that is expected to continue indefinitely or results in death;
2. On the basis of a death certificate or other evidence of death that is conclusive under Nebraska law; or

3. Circumstances have occurred that WSC in consultation with the National Science Foundation considers as a compelling reason to excuse repayment.

E. General

1. I agree to advise the WSC Noyce Scholars program in writing of any change in name, address, or deferment status as described in Section IV E.
2. I understand that I may appeal any determination made by the WSC Noyce Scholars program that I am not in compliance with any of the requirements of the program.
3. I understand that I must be enrolled in a secondary science or mathematics teacher education program at WSC and if I transfer to another college, I am no longer eligible for the scholarship and will need to start repayment of any scholarship funds received to that point (unless I meet deferment or cancellation requirements stated in Section IV B, E, or F).
4. I understand that I must maintain enrollment with good academic standing (GPA \geq 2.75 for undergraduates and GPA $>$ 3.00 for post-baccalaureate students)
5. I understand that if I am more than 90 days past due with payments towards my loan that WSC will withhold all services (such as transcript requests, course registration, and diploma) until my delinquent (late)/defaulted loan account has been brought current and/or paid in full.
6. I understand that if I fail to pay my loan as agreed, my loan will be assigned to a collection agency, and may be accelerated (loan balance due and payable IN ITS ENTIRETY); and I will be required to pay all collection, court, and attorney's fees, necessary for the collection of my delinquent account. I also understand, agree and authorize WSC to use my social security number for internal and external credit reporting and collection purposes and may be reported to one or more of the national credit bureaus.
7. This document represents the inclusion of all negotiations.
8. Furthermore, if one clause of this Agreement is deemed to be unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain intact and enforceable.

I attest that I have read and understand my repayment responsibilities and the options available to me. **I understand that this is a loan that must be repaid, with accrued interest, if I fail to meet the service obligation or any other of the requirements listed in the sections above.** My signature below certifies that I have provided accurate information in the Recipient Section (Section I); and have read and agree to my commitments presented in the Terms and Conditions (Section II), the Scholarship Agreement (Section III), and the Promissory Note (Section IV).

Borrower's Full Name	Borrower's Signature	Date
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Witness Printed Full Name	Witness Signature	Date
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