

CRAFT-STEM



The Columbus Region Academy of Future Teachers of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) was a Phase I [Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program](#) funded by the National Science Foundation with grant number 1136356. The goal of CRAFT-STEM was to quadruple the number of secondary math and science teachers between spring 2012 and spring 2017.

Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship

Fulfilling Scholar Obligations

Noyce scholars are expected to complete the Contact Update and Employment Verification Form annually until all teaching obligations have been fulfilled.

- See [Contact Update and Verification of Teach Form](#)

Recipients of the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship commit to teach two years in a high-need school district for each year that they hold the scholarship. This means that the school should belong to a district that has at least one of the following:

1. A high percentage of individuals from families with income levels below the federal poverty line
2. A high percentage of secondary teachers are teaching in the content area for which they are trained
3. A high teacher turnover rate

The United States Department of Education maintains a useful website for identifying qualifying schools under low income criterion (number 1 above). Search their [Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory](#) by school name or location to find qualifying schools.

Deferment

Columbus State University will grant deferments from the repayment obligations under certain circumstances. In order to qualify for a deferment, the scholarship recipient must promptly make a written request to the program director, his designee or successor and provide supporting documentation to demonstrate one of the following:

1. Recipient is enrolled in a full-time program of study in secondary science and/or mathematics education at Columbus State University;

2. Recipient is serving on active duty as a member of the armed services of the United States, for a period not to exceed three (3) years;
3. Recipient is temporarily disabled as established by sworn affidavit of a qualified physician, for a period not to exceed (3) years;
4. Recipient is unable to secure employment by reason of the care required by a spouse who is disabled, for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months;
5. Recipient is seeking and unable to find employment for a single period not to exceed twenty four (24) months;
6. Recipient is unable to satisfy the terms of the repayment schedule established by Columbus State University and am also seeking and unable to find employment as a full- or part-time science and/or mathematics secondary teacher for a single period not to exceed twenty four (24) months; or
7. Recipient's monthly loan debt (including Title IV loans) exceeds 20% of his/her total monthly gross income.

During a deferment period, Columbus State University shall extend the scholarship repayment period by a period equal to the length of time the recipient meets any of the above-noted conditions.

Discharge

Columbus State University may partially or totally cancel a scholarship recipient's repayment obligation if it determines the following:

1. That on the basis of a sworn affidavit of a qualified physician, that the recipient is unable to work as a secondary teacher because of an impairment that is expected to continue indefinitely or results in death;
2. The recipient has become totally and permanently disabled as established by a sworn affidavit of a qualified physician;
3. That on the basis of a death certificate or other evidence of death that is conclusive under Georgia law; or
4. That extraordinary circumstances exist through no fault of the recipient that CSU considers compelling.

Loan Cancellation (Service Credit)

1. To cancel each year's Noyce Scholarship award, the scholarship recipient is required to complete two (2) years of service as a mathematics or science teacher in a high need school district.
2. To apply for Noyce Scholarship award cancellation, CSU requires the scholarship recipient to submit a written Request for Cancellation prior to their teaching service and at the end of their teaching service for every year of service. If the scholarship recipient does not satisfy the academic requirements of the program for which the Noyce Scholarship funds were awarded, she/he will not be eligible for the loan cancellation benefit.

DEFAULT

1. Columbus State University may, at its option, declare a scholarship recipient's loan to be in default based on the following: Upon default, recipient may be ineligible for any further institutional loan funds, and may be denied further federal student financial assistance authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (hereinafter called the Act), as amended, until arrangements have been made to repay the loan that are satisfactory to the School.
 - Failure to make a scheduled payment when due; or
 - Failure to submit, on or before the due date of the scheduled payment, documentation that she/he qualifies for deferment or discharge; or
 - Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Agreement and Promissory Note or written repayment agreement.
2. Upon default, Columbus State University may accelerate a defaulted loan and thereby demand immediate payment of the entire unpaid balance of the loan, including any reasonable collection costs, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, according to a schedule established by Columbus State University. If the scholarship recipient fails to make any monthly payment as required by the schedule established by Columbus State University, and such failure persists for a period of forty-five (45) days or more, Columbus State University, without further notice, may accelerate the balance of the outstanding principal due, which may, at the discretion of

Columbus State University, include reasonable collection charges, including, but not limited to, attorney fees and court costs.

3. If the scholarship recipient does not make the monthly payments as set forth in the Scholarship Agreement and Promissory Note or written repayment request, Columbus State University may notify credit reporting agencies concerning my default and litigation, similar to the collection efforts which are used by lenders and guaranty agencies in the guaranteed student loan program as those collection procedures are generally described in 34 CFR Part 682.
4. The scholarship recipient must reimburse Columbus State University the fees of any collection agency, which may be based on a percentage at a maximum of 33.3% of the debt, and all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees that CSU incurs in such collection effort

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Additional CRAFT-STEM Information

External Evaluator's Reports (PDF): [2011-2012](#) | [2012-2013](#)

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