# Annual Report on the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program for Fiscal Year 2023

## **Background**

In the 2023 legislative session of 2023, the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 400 (AB400), which was signed into law by Governor Joe Lombardo. In part, AB400 renews the Teach Nevada Scholarship (TNS) which provides financial support for students pursuing initial licensure in an approved educator preparation program (EPP). Additionally, AB400 Sec.56 requires that the State Board of Education review the TNS, and compile and submit a report to the Governor of Nevada and the Director of the Legislative Council Bureau for distribution to the next regular session of the Nevada Legislature. This report constitutes the findings of that review process.

# **Review of the Teach Nevada Scholarship**

During the 2023 Fiscal Year, there were a total of 514 applications for the TNS across eight EPP providers (Clark County School District, Nevada State University, Nevada Teacher Corps-The New Teacher Project, Great Basin College, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, Washoe County School District, and Western Governors University). Among the 514 applicants, 391 were awarded the TNS for a total award amount of \$4,944,000. This represents a TNS award rate of 76.1 percent.

### Teach Nevada Scholarship Summary Table – 2023

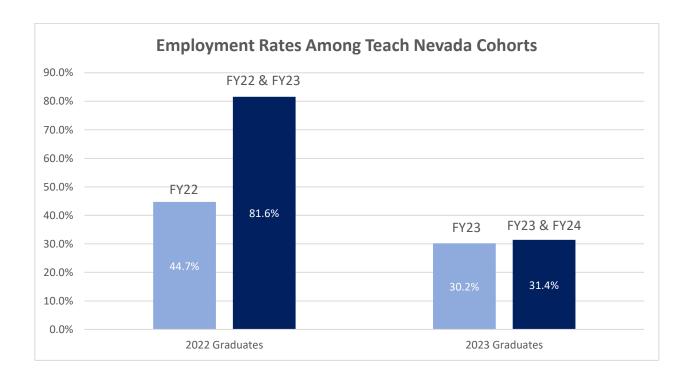
Number of	Number of	TNS Award	Total
Applicants	Recipients	Rate	Cost
514	391	76.1%	

For Fiscal Year 2023, the graduation rate among TNS recipients was 50.6 percent. This marks an approximately 30 percent increase over the 20.1 percent of scholarship recipients who graduated by the end Fiscal Year 2022. However, the increase in graduation rate has resulted in a corresponding decrease in scholarship recipients who remain actively enrolled – from 75.6 percent in Fiscal Year 2022 to 45.3 percent in Fiscal Year 2023. The rate of scholarship recipients who separated from their programs Has decreased slightly from 4.3 percent to 4.1 percent between Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

### Recipient Status Summary Table - 2023

Status	Fiscal Year 2022	2022 Percent	Fiscal Year 2023	2023 Percent
Graduated	75	20.1%	260	50.6%
Active	282	75.6%	233	45.3%
Separated	16	4.3%	21	4.1%
Total	373	100%	514	100%

Among the 20.1 percent of TNS recipients who graduated in Fiscal Year 2022, 44.7 percent had gained employment as a public-school teacher in the State of Nevada within that same Academic Year. However, the rate of employment significantly increases to 81.6 percent when also considering those who gained employment in the 2023 Academic Year. Among the 50.6 percent of TNS recipients who graduated in Fiscal Year 2023, the rate of employment in that Academic Year was 30.2 percent but increases slightly to 31.4 percent when accounting for employment in both the 2023 and 2024 Academic Years. It is important to note that employment data for Academic Years 2023 and 2024 quite likely underrepresents the true employment rates among 2023 graduates as the full reporting of employment records typically lags one full year behind the conclusion of a given academic year.



\* Since many employment records have likely not yet been uploaded to the data repository at the time of this report, there is reason to assume that teacher employment estimates for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 are artificially deflated

Additionally, NRS 391A.585 Subsection 4 stipulates that 25 percent of all TNS awards are to be retained by the State Board of Education. Recipients may be eligible for reimbursement of that 25 percent once they have completed their EPP, have maintained employment as a Nevada public school teacher for five consecutive years following completion, and have met all other requirements set by the State Board of Education. To date, there have been a total of 46 scholarship recipients who have successfully met these requirements, nine of whom met the requirements in Fiscal Year 2023 and three of whom met the requirements within the first three months of Fiscal Year 2024.

Finally, AB400 requires that each annual report on TNS identify the percentage of students who also received the Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship (NTAS). However, NTAS was only just established by AB400 and not yet available in Fiscal Year 2023. Therefore, to date no students have received NTAS.