

The BESE Tuition Program for Teachers is a competitive program that allows teachers to enroll in courses at Louisiana colleges and universities at the state's expense. Teachers selected into the program will have their course tuition (excluding all other fees) paid directly to the Louisiana Office of State Financial Assistance by the Louisiana Department of Education.

This approval form must be submitted as part of the full [BESE Tuition Program for Teachers](#) application. A completed and scanned copy of this form must be uploaded within the full application or e-mailed to STEM@la.gov with the applicant's first and last name in the subject line. Employing Authority Approval forms must be received by the application cycle deadline.

Funding will be awarded as available. Priority will be given to applicants who:

- Apply to enroll in a course related to the implementation of a high school [STEM Pathway](#);
- Apply to enroll in a STEM course;
- Teach one or more STEM classes;
- Seek teacher certification in a STEM-related field;
- Teach in a rural school system;
- Teach at a school labeled Comprehensive Intervention Required and/or Urgent Intervention Required; and/or
- Apply to enroll in a course that fits into a broader certification, higher degree or other professional development program.

Awardees are granted funding for a course, but not guaranteed enrollment in the course. Participating teachers must meet all course requirements and follow the enrollment process of the participating college or university.

More information about the BESE Tuition Program for Teachers and the Classroom Teacher Enrollment Program (BTPT) can be found at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/teaching/continuing-education-opportunities-for-educators>.

Applicant Name: _____

I certify that the above named applicant is a currently employed classroom teacher in our school system.

Signature of employing authority or designee: _____

Printed name of employing authority: _____

Phone number of employing authority: _____

School system: _____

School name: _____

Date: _____