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## **TERMS & CONDITIONS** The University of West Alabama Teacher Connect Scholarship Program

Terms and conditions between the University of West Alabama (UWA) and teachers of partner school districts (hereinafter referred to as “Participant”) who wish to enter the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program.

### **I. General Terms of Agreement**

- a. This agreement allows Participants, who successfully complete the verification process, to participate in the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program (hereinafter referred to as “Teacher Connect”) for online degrees with teacher certification offered by UWA. Teacher Connect is available only for online degree programs. Teacher Connect pricing is only applicable to courses required for the Participant’s degree program. It is not applicable to on-campus programs or courses and it is not applicable to on-campus courses that may be required to complete an online degree program.
- b. Participants who enter degree programs that qualify for higher level certificates or for special endorsements or state recognition or board certification or state certification for their respective states should check carefully the requirements of their states.
- c. Participants School’s teachers must apply to UWA for admission and meet all admission requirements before applying for Teacher Connect.

### **II. UWA Teacher Connect Scholarship Pricing**

- a. UWA agrees to grant Participants a partial “scholarship” in the form of an adjusted per credit hour amount. This adjusted per credit hour amount will be determined each academic year. UWA reserves the right to adjust tuition, fees and the Teacher Connect pricing at the start of each academic year.
- b. Textbooks, technology fees and course supplies or fees are not included in the Teacher Connect pricing.
- c. Teacher Connect pricing is only applicable to courses required for the Participant’s degree program. It is not applicable to on-campus programs or courses and it is not applicable to on-campus courses that may be required to complete an online degree program.
- d. Teacher Connect pricing applies to a class one time. It will not be re-applied to the same course if the Participant re-takes or fails the course for any reason. If a participant withdrawals from a course(s) for any reason or fails a course(s), the “scholarship” will be revoked upon the withdrawal which may result in an account balance.
- e. Participants in Teacher Connect must meet the following criteria in order to stay or convert to the program:
  - i. Must be pursuing an online education degree with teacher certification.
  - ii. Program GPA must be 3.0 or higher.
  - iii. Cannot have “holds” on their student accounts or owe any balances.
  - iv. Must be in good standing with the University.
  - v. Teacher Connect pricing applies to a class one time. It will not be re-applied to the same course if the Participant re-takes or fails the course for any reason. If a participant withdrawals from a course(s) for any reason or fails a course(s), the “scholarship” will be revoked upon the withdrawal which may result in an account balance.
  - vi. The Participant must provide a valid email address from their current school district of employment.
  - vii. The Participant must abide by all policies & procedures and requirements set by the university, colleges and academic programs.

### III. Length of Time to Complete a Program

Once a Teacher Connect Participant begins a program, the Participant will have 24 months to complete degree requirements under the Teacher Connect pricing arrangement. In the case where a Teacher Connect Participant pursues a bachelor's or doctoral degree, the Participant will have 48 months to complete degree requirements under the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program.

### IV. Payment and Billing

- a. UWA will bill each Participant net of the scholarship amount.
- b. Participants are eligible to apply for federal financial assistance through the UWA Financial Aid Office. (Note that certain Veteran benefits cannot be combined with the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program. UWA's Registrar's office can determine which VA benefits can be used in combination with the scholarship.)
- c. If a Participant withdraws from a class, UWA will follow normal withdrawal refund policies. Teacher Connect pricing applies to a class one time. It will not be re-applied to the same course if the Participant re-takes or fails the course for any reason. If a participant withdraws from a course(s) for any reason or fails a course(s), the "scholarship" will be revoked upon the withdrawal which may result in an account balance.
- d. The Teacher Connect Scholarship Program cannot be combined with other Connect scholarship programs or Tuition Remission provided by UWA.
- e. Participant must be registered for their course(s) by the Connect Deadline each term to be eligible for the scholarship.

### V. Admission and Registration for Teacher Connect Participants

- i. The Participant must complete and submit the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program Participant Verification Form in order to apply for Teacher Connect.
- ii. UWA reserves the right to obtain additional verification at any point and for any reason in order for the Participant to join or remain in the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program.
- iii. Participants will apply to UWA using the standard online application.
- iv. In order to ensure sufficient time for scholarship processing, Participant agrees to register for classes by published dates that are unique to the Teacher Connect Scholarship Program. These dates are different from those that are not enrolled in Teacher Connect. Teacher Connect deadlines are published on the UWA website.

### VI. Agreement Termination

UWA reserves the right to change, amend, modify, suspend, continue or terminate all or any part of the acknowledgement either in an individual case or in general, at any time without notice or reason.