

Educator Scholarships

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Teach Nevada Scholarship (TNS)

- State funded scholarship established with SB 511 (2015)
- Provides funding for tuition, books, and fees
 - Awarded by the State Board of Education to both traditional and alternative route approved educator preparation programs
 - Educator preparation programs grant scholarships to students each year who are alternative route, freshmen, sophomore, or junior year students
 - Pays 75% of the cost of the preparation program
 - Pays \$1,000 to preparation programs for each student who completes the program
 - Pays 25% of the cost of the preparation program after the educator completes five years of teaching in a Nevada public school

Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship (NTAS)

- State funded scholarship established with AB 400 (2023)
- Provides funding for tuition, books, and fees
 - Awarded by the State Board of Education to traditional route approved educator preparation programs
 - Educator preparation programs grant scholarships to students each year who have completed at least two years of teaching in a Nevada public school and are seeking a master's degree in education or a related field
 - Pays 75% of the cost of the preparation program
 - Pays \$1,000 to preparation programs for each student who completes the program
 - Pays 25% of the cost of the preparation program after the educator completes three years of teaching in a Nevada public school

Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching (IPT)

- Federally funded scholarship with ESSER II during FY22 & FY23
- State funded scholarship established with AB 515 (2023)
- Provides funding for tuition and paid clinical experience
 - Awarded by the State Board to traditional route approved educator preparation programs
 - Educator preparation programs grant scholarships to students each year who are finishing their final year of coursework and clinical experience
 - Pays 100% tuition cost during the final year of the preparation program
 - Pays stipends during the clinical experience

*Amount of tuition and stipends are determined by each preparation program considering the unique circumstances of each student's financial aid needs and their federal cost of attendance limit.

TNS (2015) and NTAS (2023)

Scholarship	Scholarships granted*	Currently enrolled students*	Students who completed	Received 25% Reimbursement
Teach Nevada Scholarship (TNS)	2,886	1,540	836	50
Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship (NTAS)	433	433	0	0

*Scholarships granted are inclusive of currently enrolled. Final figures will be determined in August after all requests for reimbursements have been submitted and reconciliation is complete.

IPT Federal Scholarship (2022 & 2023)

Tuition assistance awards	Stipend awards	Tuition assistance awards reimbursed	Stipend awards reimbursed
2,492	1,312	2,075	986

IPT State Scholarship (2023)

Tuition assistance and stipend awards granted	Currently enrolled students*	Tuition assistance and stipends reimbursed thus far**
1,136	1,100	36

*Awards granted are inclusive of currently enrolled. Final figures will be determined in August after all requests for reimbursements have been submitted and reconciliation is complete.

**The number of students who have been reimbursed does not directly correlate with graduates and may be duplicative of TNS completers as students can receive both scholarships. Reconciliation will be completed in August.

State Funding FY24

Scholarship Program	Allocation	Requests	Awards
Teach Nevada Scholarship (TNS)	2,407,861	6,140,998	6,140,998*
Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship (NTAS)	1,500,000	1,584,420	1,497,157
Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching (IPT)	6,791,977	7,900,778	7,900,778**

*The TNS account had enough carry over funding from FY23 to award total requests.

**The Department of Education Training and Rehabilitation contributed \$1,108,801 to the IPT program.

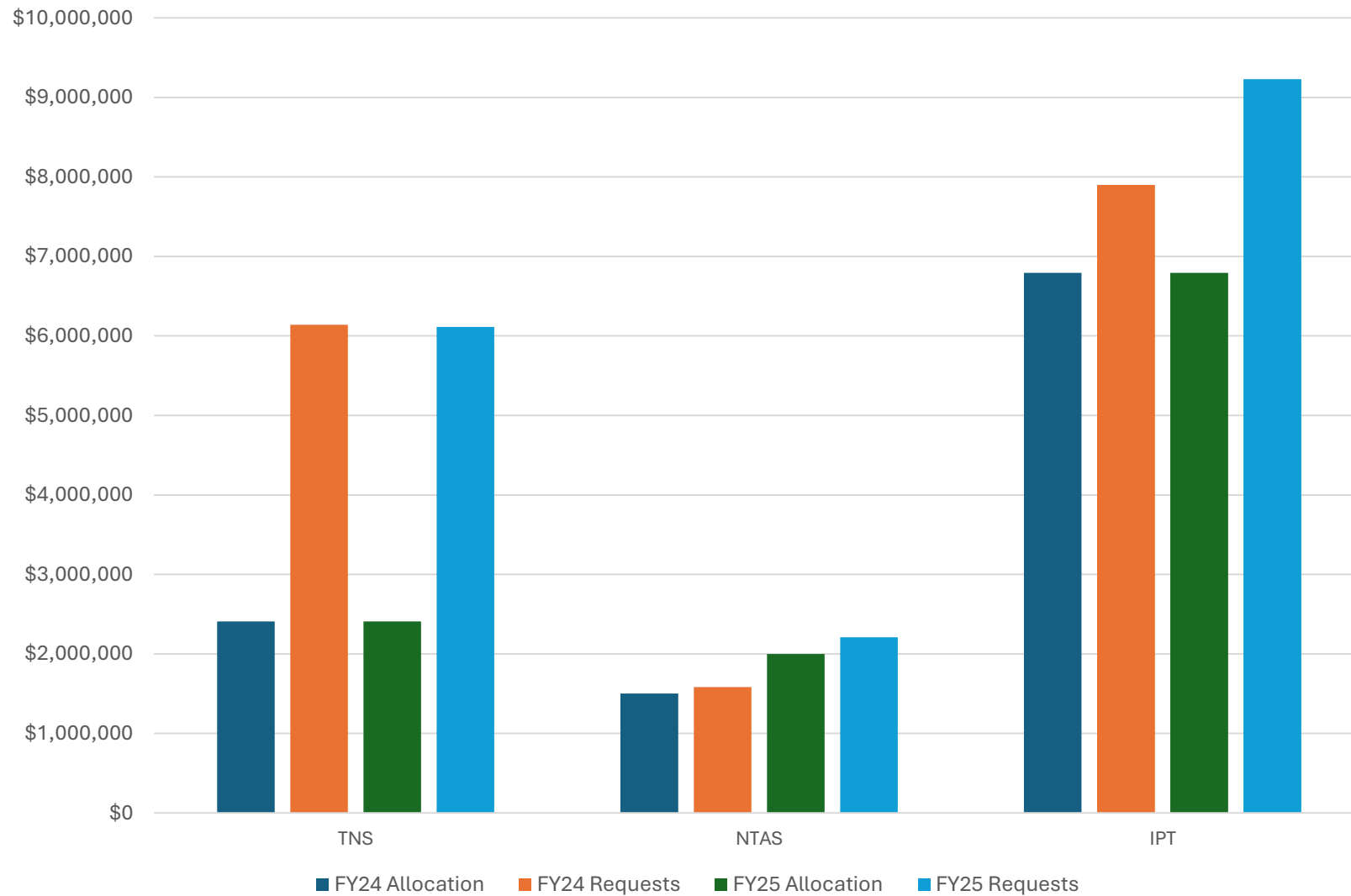
State Funding FY25

Scholarship Program	Allocation	Requests	Awards
Teach Nevada Scholarship (TNS)	2,407,861 3,208,023*	6,111,581	2,407,861*
Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship (NTAS)	2,000,000	2,207,588	1,998,970
Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching (IPT)	6,791,977	9,228,600	6,791,327**

*Contingency funding for TNS is at the discretion of the Interim Finance Committee.

**The Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation funding may not be available for FY25.

Funding / Requests Trends



Assembly Bill 428 Section 9 (2023)

- The Nevada Legislature has implemented a series of measures to address barriers into the teacher workforce.
- It intends to increase and retain licensed Nevada educators.
- The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) engaged WestEd to examine the barriers to scholarship opportunities and identify considerations for expanding access to them.

Questions

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