GYOT

Grow Your Own Teacher is a loan forgiveness program for Neosho High School seniors who are aspiring to be K12 educators. Selected recipients will receive a financial award to be applied toward their college tuition and will be guaranteed a position on the NSD Team upon graduation.

- Recipients will receive a forgivable loan paid directly to them through the program in the amounts allocated below. Depending on the needs of the recipient, they have the option to accept part or all of the loan annually:
  - $1000 per year ($500 per semester) for the first two years
  - $5000 per year ($2500 per semester) for up to three additional years

- Recipients will be guaranteed a position with Neosho School District following the successful completion of their degree, and the total of the loan will be forgiven over a five year period as outlined below:
  - $17,000 total loan/scholarship | $3,400 forgiven per year
  - $12,000 Total loan/scholarship | $2,400 forgiven per year

WHO IS A CANDIDATE?

NHS Graduate
Minimum 95% Attendance
Minimum 3.0 GPA
50 tutoring/mentor hours
Pursuing an education degree from an accredited college or university

GYOT program recipients will be chosen by a committee consisting of an NSD Teacher, administrator, counselor, Foundation representative, and Board of Education representative. Priority may be given to applicants entering a highly demanded area in education and/or an underrepresented demographic within Neosho School District.

To maintain scholarship eligibility, recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all course work, a full time student status, and submit grade cards and schedules for each semester.

To receive payment, recipients must participate in the NSD mentoring program, participate in at least one professional development offering from NSD per year, and attend a Foundation Luncheon or school board meeting per year to give an update on their progress and experience.

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