



## Teacher Assistant to Teacher Tuition Assistant Program

*Jackson County Public Schools may select up to five teacher assistants to receive an award up to \$4,600 per academic year for a period of four years to be used towards the cost of tuition and fees for attending an educator preparation program at an institution of higher education in North Carolina.*

*Tuition assistance awards under this program may be provided for part-time or full-time coursework toward a college degree that will result in a teacher license. A teacher assistant receiving an award under this program must fulfill the student teaching requirements of the education preparation program by working in Jackson County Public Schools.*

*Teacher assistants who participate in this program shall meet the following requirements:*

- *The teacher assistant shall be employed by the Jackson County Public Schools and remain employed for each year of the award*
- *The teacher assistant must be rated meets or exceed standards on the employee evaluation for each standard.*
- *The teacher assistant must have a recommendation from current principal.*
- *The teacher assistant shall be a resident of North Carolina. For purposes of this subdivision, residency shall be determined by the same standard as residency for tuition purposes pursuant to G.S. 116-143.1.*
- *The teacher assistant shall be enrolled or provide a statement of intent to enroll in an accredited institution of higher education in North Carolina with an educator preparation program approved by the State Board of Education to pursue teacher licensure*
- *The teacher assistant shall remain in good standing at the college or university*

### Application Information

*This application is designed to assist the school district in selecting teacher assistants to receive tuition assistance. In addition to this application, teacher assistants interested in this opportunity must also submit a letter of recommendation from their principal.*

***Application Deadline:*** *Please submit your application packet and letter of recommendation to the Human Resources office **no later than one month prior to the start of the semester you wish to begin coursework.***

Reference S.L. 2016-94 Section 8.29 (b)(c) and S.L. 2017-57 720 (a)(d)

# Jackson County Public Schools

## Teacher Assistant to Teacher Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Total years of experience in education: \_\_\_\_\_ Total year with JCPS: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Educational Background** – Describe any post-high school coursework, degrees, etc.

**2. Professional Development Activities** – Describe your association with any professional associations, staff development, awards, etc.

**3. Philosophy of Education** – Describe your personal beliefs and feelings about teaching, including your own ideas of what will make you an outstanding teacher.

**4. Skills and Attributes** – Describe the skills and attributes you have developed as a teacher assistant that will help you become an outstanding teacher.

**5. Application of Knowledge and Skills** – Describe a challenging student situation that you have encountered. What did you learn from that experience? How have you applied what you learned?

