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North Carolina Troops to Teachers/Spouses to Teachers

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Troops to Teachers (TTT) was established in 1994 as a Department of Defense program. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) in Pensacola, Florida.

The NC Center for Recruitment, Retention, Recognition & Professional Advancement, based at the NC Department of Public Instruction, is the headquarters for the North Carolina TTT program.

The primary objective of TTT is to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout the United States. TTT helps relieve the teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education and other high-need subject areas, and assists military personnel in making a successful transition to a second career in teaching.

TTT provides a \$5,000.00 stipend to assist military personnel who are:

- (1) retired,
- (2) within one year of retiring with an approved retirement date, or
- (3) honorably discharged with 6 or more years of service and willing to obligate in the active reserves on a three-year contract.

Additional stipend requirements are:

- The stipend may only be used to reimburse you for costs associated with approved teacher licensure programs.
- A bachelor's degree is a prerequisite for funding education programs in academic areas.
- The degree must also be from a regionally accredited college or university.
- TTT participants are obligated to teach for three years in a high-need school district.

Participants hired to teach in a school where 50% or more of the students are on free or reduced cost lunches or the school's Individual Disability Education Act (IDEA) percentage meets the criteria specified by the Department of Education are eligible for a \$10,000.00 bonus. Acceptance of any monies obligates the Troops to Teachers participant to teach for three years in such a high-need school.

Spouses to Teachers (STT) is a pilot project available in all 50 states. The program's purpose is to assist spouses of active duty military in their pursuit of K-12 teaching positions in both public and private schools in the U.S. STT provides information, counseling and guidance to eligible spouses regarding teacher certification requirements, routes to certification, employment potential, financial assistance, and assistance with employment searches. Eligible participants are spouses of (1) active duty personnel, (2) spouses of members of the Selected Reserve, National Guard, or (3) spouses of members of the Individual Ready Reserve recalled to active duty. Limited funding will be provided to eligible spouses to reimburse the cost of tests required for state teacher licensure/certification. Maximum available funds for this reimbursement are \$600.00 per person.



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