



ASSOCIATION OF WALDORF SCHOOLS OF NORTH AMERICASM

Teacher Education Loan and Currently Practicing Teacher (CPT) Grant Program Summary 2026 - 2027

AWSNA provides limited financial assistance to people enrolled in an AWSNA or WECAN-member institute teacher preparation program pursuing an *initial* Waldorf teaching certificate through our teacher education loan and currently practicing teacher (CPT) grant programs. These two programs are made possible primarily by contributions to AWSNA through dues from member schools.

Important Deadline and Distribution Information for 2026-27

- **Priority will be given to second and third-year students**
- Once funding for returning students is committed, if there are remaining funds, we will allocate to first-year students

- June 1st - TELG applications due for programs starting in summer
- August 28th - TELG applications due for programs starting in fall
- January 5th - TELG applications due for BACWTT Foundation Studies students who decide to continue into the first year of teacher preparation

Awards for the 2026-27 school year are \$750 per student for loans and \$600 per student for CPT grants in the currency of the institute country. Note, the awards are proportional for subject programs where they will receive %'s of the award: \$450 for loans and \$360 for CPT grants, and for BACWTT first-year students where (funds permitting) they will receive ¾ 's of the award: \$560 per loan and \$450 per CPT grant.

Eligible Programs: AWSNA-member grades, high school and subject (music and world language) and WECAN-member early childhood teacher preparation programs.

Ineligible Programs: a second Waldorf teaching certificate, EdD programs, healing arts, professional development, renewal classes, and Foundation year (if separate from teacher training).

Teacher Education Loans

This loan is for individuals intending to teach in an AWSNA or WECAN-member school, and who are legally authorized to work in North America at the time of application. Loans are interest-free during enrollment in the teacher preparation program and while teaching ¾ to full-time in an AWSNA or WECAN-member school.

In exchange for receiving the loan, applicants agree to the following:

- a. State that they intend to work as a three-quarter to full-time teacher in an AWSNA or WECAN-member school for at least three consecutive years, immediately following graduation from the program. For each year teaching at or above 75% FTE at a qualifying member school, one-third of the loan will be forgiven.

Applicants who begin teaching prior to graduation may have one year of teaching immediately prior to graduation retroactively applied towards the three years of service, as long as two of the three years occur in the year immediately following graduation.

- b. If loan recipients do not meet the requirements of 1.a., as stated above, or should they fail to complete the teacher training or withdraw from the teacher training, the loan must be repaid **in full** at 1% interest per month over a 12-month payment plan as described in the Teacher Education Fund loan contract.
- c. Partial teaching service will be considered for forgiveness. All outstanding years of service will convert to a loan.

2. Currently Practicing Teacher (CPT) Grants

This grant is for individuals already teaching in AWSNA or WECAN-member schools as they pursue their training. AWSNA provides grants toward tuition, and schools are asked to confirm that the teacher is in good standing and also to consider pledging funds toward the training of their teacher(s). Application for the CPT grant must be accompanied by a brief [School Pledge Form](#) which the school completes, indicating where the applicant teaches, specifying the amount of funds the school will commit (if any). *CPT grant application forms will NOT be accepted without the completed form by the school!*

The school sends their pledge directly to the institute (not the student).

How and When to Apply for the Loans and CPT Grants

- o Applicants apply directly through the *Waldorf teacher education institute they are attending*. Contact the institute for the link to their online application.
- o Funds are distributed directly to the institute as tuition payments
- o Loans and grants must be applied for annually and are awarded each year of teacher training.
- o Any scholarship funds may be taxable income, and the student may wish to consult with an accountant or tax professional.
- o August 1st deadline for teacher preparation programs starting in the summer
- o August 28th deadline for teacher preparation programs starting in the fall
- o January 5th deadline for BACWTT Foundation Studies students who decide to continue into first year teacher preparation

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