

Please find information and links to the adjacent state financial support from the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB) related to the TVI and O&M programs in adjacent states. While the HEAB link below says Teacher of the Visually Impaired Loan, it also includes O&M.

<http://www.heab.state.wi.us/programs.html>

Teacher Of The Visually Impaired Loan

Colleges & universities offering programs for teachers of visually impaired students, located in Wisconsin or in an adjacent state (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan or Minnesota).

The Teacher of the Visually Impaired Loan Program provides loans to Wisconsin resident undergraduates or graduate students who are enrolled at least half-time at an in-state or eligible out-of-state institution in a program that prepares them to be licensed as teachers of the visually impaired or as orientation and mobility instructors. The maximum award per year is \$10,000 with an overall maximum of \$40,000. The student who participates in this program must agree to be a licensed teacher or an orientation or mobility instructor in a Wisconsin school district, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or a cooperative educational service agency. For each of the first two years the student teaches and meets the eligibility criteria, 25% of the loan is forgiven. For the third year, 50% is forgiven. If the student does not teach and meet the eligibility criteria, the loan must be repaid at an interest rate of 5%.

Application: FAFSA and nomination by Financial Aid Office

Required Enrollment: At least part-time (including less than half-time)

Award Amount: \$250 to \$10,000

Forgiveness: 25% per year for the 1st and 2nd year, and 50% for the 3rd year, for teaching visually impaired students in Wisconsin

State Statute: [39.398](#)

Administrative Rules: [Chapter HEA 14](#)

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