

## Grow Your Own Teachers Scholarship Petition

Petitioner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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RE: Grow Your Own Teacher Scholarship program - Petition for release time

To whom it may concern:

This petition is designed to satisfy the requirements set forth by the Grow Your Own Teacher (GYOT) scholarship program. The program requires that I petition my school requesting professional leave for college classes, examination and practice teaching required to complete UNM – Taos's College of Education program of study to become a teacher.

My application to become a GYOT scholarship recipient will be considered by UNM – Taos's College of Education. In order to be considered for the program I must:

- have been an educational assistant for at least two years,
- be in good standing with my school,
- apply for an undergraduate teacher preparation program,
- petition my school requesting professional leave,
- submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and demonstrate Pell Grant eligibility

I can continue to be part of the GYOT scholarship program as long as I

- remain at least a half time student,
- achieve satisfactory academic progress,
- remain in compliance with the GYOT rules
- not exceed scholarship expenditures of more than \$6,000 per year for more than 5 years.

Per the guidance provided by the New Mexico Higher Education Department and the New Mexico Public Education Department, schools may use Title II funds to pay for substitutes required to accommodate participation of educational assistants in the GYOT program.

If you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact the UNM – Taos's College of Education or Carmen Lopez-Wilson, Deputy Secretary of the Higher Education Department.

Sincerely,

EA Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
EA Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
District: \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by the person completing verification:

By completing this form and sending it to UNM-Taos, you are authorizing and agreeing to the above-named EA's petition for release time as outlined above.

Name of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Your, Printed, Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Working Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Has \_\_\_\_\_ worked as an EA for *a minimum of 2 years*? **Yes | No**  
Name of EA

Is \_\_\_\_\_ in *good standing with the district*? **Yes | No**  
Name of EA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out, scan, and send completed document to the UNM-Taos Office of Financial Aid at [finaidtaos@unm.edu](mailto:finaidtaos@unm.edu) ATTN: GYOT Petition

OR mail to:

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ATTN: Office of Financial Aid  
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