I, __________________________ the undersigned Golden State Teacher Grant Program recipient (referred hereinafter as “Recipient”) agree to the following:

SECTION I – REQUIREMENTS
As a grant recipient I agree to both of the following:

(A) Be enrolled in a professional preparation program offered by an Institution, as defined in Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 30520.

(B) Commit to teach in a high-need field, as defined in Education Code section 69617(e) at a priority school for four years within five years of completion of the professional preparation program, subject to the repayment obligation in Section III should I fail to meet this commitment.

SECTION II – TEACHING COMMITMENT
1. I commit to earn a preliminary teaching credential in a high-need field, as defined in Education Code section 69617(e) an Institution, as defined in Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 30520.

2. I commit to teach in a high-need field, as defined in Education Code section 69617(e) at a priority school for four years out of five years, after completing my professional preparation program.

“Priority school” means a school with 55 (fifty-five) percent or more of its pupils being unduplicated pupils as defined in subdivision (b) of California Education Code §42238.02.

3. I commit to providing annual verification of the required teaching service to the Commission consistent with CSAC’s verification process.

SECTION III – REPAYMENT OBLIGATION
1. I agree to repay the State of California, CSAC, twenty-five percent (25%) annually of the total award, up to full repayment, for each year of nonperformance of the commitment to teach in a high need field, as defined in Education Code Section 69617(e), at a priority school for four years within five years of completion of the professional preparation program except as specified in section IV (4) below.

2. I shall contact CSAC to set up a repayment schedule within 30 days of failure to fulfill my teaching commitment.

3. I shall enter repayment status and begin repayment on the first day of the first calendar month after: (1) the date I inform CSAC that I do not plan to fulfill the teaching obligation; (2) CSAC has determined that I will not be able to complete the teaching service within five years after completing the professional preparation program.

4. I shall make monthly payments to CSAC according to the schedule established by CSAC, which calls for complete repayment within four years after I enter repayment status and which the amount annually is no more than $5,000.

5. If I fail to make monthly payments to CSAC once a repayment schedule has been established CSAC may turn over my repayment obligation to collection agencies, including the California Franchise Tax Board for tax refund and/or wage garnishment to collect monies until my obligation has been met.

Contact Golden State Teachers Grant by email at goldenstateteachers@csac.ca.gov.
SECTION IV – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. I agree to respond to all communications and requests from CSAC.

2. I shall provide written notification to CSAC within twenty-one (21) days of any change in my legal name or address, or of any change in status which affects my eligibility.

3. I shall comply with any procedures deemed necessary and appropriate by CSAC, all conditions cited in this Agreement, and all applicable rules and regulations.

4. I understand that once I have been accepted as a Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) recipient, if I notify CSAC that I am unable to complete the teaching requirement or CSAC has determined that I have failed to do so, I may submit documentation and a request to be exempt from repayment based on any of the following grounds for any year for which I was unable to complete the full year of teaching:

   (1) The grant recipient has completed at least one-half of the school year.

   (2) The employer deems the grant recipient to have fulfilled the grant recipient’s contractual requirements for the school year for the purposes of salary increases, probationary or permanent status, and retirement.

   (3) The grant recipient was not able to teach due to the financial circumstances of the school district, including a school district's decision to not contract with the employee for the next succeeding school year.

   (4) The grant recipient has a condition covered under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1996 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.) or similar state law, or otherwise can demonstrate a physical or mental disability recognized by the Social Security Administration that prevented them from completing their professional preparation program or teaching requirement.

   (5) The grant recipient was called or ordered to active-duty status for more than 30 days as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Any such request must be submitted within 21 days of a determination that I failed to meet the teaching requirement and sent to the Golden State Teacher Grant Program Coordinator, California Student Aid Commission, at GoldenStateTeachers@csac.ca.gov.

Name (print): ________________________________ Signature: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________ City: ________________________________ State: __ Zip Code: ________
Telephone Number: ________________________________ Email: ________________________________
Institution Name: ________________________________ Total Grant Amount: $_________