**Robert Noyce Scholarship Agreement**

**The University of Texas at Dallas**

Please initial each of the numbered items listed below, thereby indicating that you understand and agree to abide by the requirements of the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and please sign, in the presence of a witness, as indicated at the end of the agreement.

As a recipient of a Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship, I agree that I satisfy the requirements of the scholarship program:

1. I am a science, mathematics, or engineering major at the University of Texas at Dallas.
2. I am a U.S. citizen or national or a permanent resident alien.
3. I have junior or senior status at the University of Texas at Dallas.

I also agree to fulfill the teaching service obligations of the National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Scholarship program:

1. I agree to teach science, technology, engineering or mathematics full-time for two (2) years in a high-needs\* school district for each year of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship support that I receive. This service must be completed within eight (8) years of my graduation from the University of Texas at Dallas with a bachelor’s degree. (Note that this period cannot be extended due to graduate school work, if any. Also, if the school district’s status changes, the district will still be regarded as high needs for the purpose of this agreement.)
2. I agree to inform the UTeach Dallas co-directors in writing or via email of my initial teaching employment and to inform them annually between August 15 and September 1 of my continued teaching employment until the teaching service obligation of the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program is fulfilled. If I fail to provide this notification, I will be assumed to be in default of the service agreement and the conditions below shall apply.
3. I understand that if special circumstances or special hardships prevent me from fulfilling the teaching service obligation, I may appeal to the Principal Investigator of the Robert Noyce Program at the University of Texas at Dallas and the co-Directors of the UTeach Dallas Program to work out arrangements that take into account those special circumstances or hardships.
4. I understand that if I do not graduate from the University of Texas at Dallas or if the service agreement as indicated in the previous paragraph is not fulfilled, the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship must be repaid to the University of Texas at Dallas, pro-rated for the fraction of the service obligation completed. I will be notified by the Principal Investigator of the Robert Noyce Program at the University of Texas at Dallas and/or the UTeach Dallas co-Directors, when I am not in compliance with the service agreement (including the possibility of my not graduating from UT Dallas). That letter will state the balance owed, any agency fees (see item 5. below) and a deadline for paying the balance before it is sent to an outside collection agency. Upon receipt of that letter, I will have one month to appeal to the Principal Investigator and/or co-Directors. They will notify me of their decision within one month of the receipt of my written appeal. If I do not appeal, the deadline stated in the letter from the Principal Investigator and/or co-Directors will be in force. I may repay the Scholarship by taking out a loan or by using funds from other sources.
5. If I do not repay the outstanding balance by the stated deadline, the University of Texas at Dallas may employ a collection agency to obtain those funds from me. The collection agency adds a fee of up to 30% of the owed balance and I understand that I will be responsible for the collection agency fee as well as for the balance owed on the Noyce Scholarship.
6. I understand that if the University of Texas at Dallas employs a collection agency to obtain those funds from me, the outstanding Noyce Scholarship balance and fees will be reported to the credit bureaus and may affect my credit rating.
7. After signing this agreement, I have a three-business-day waiting period during which time I may, without prejudice, withdraw from this agreement. To withdraw, I must provide the Principal Investigator of the UT Dallas Robert Noyce Scholarship program with a written document stating that I withdraw. If I do not withdraw during that three-business-day waiting period, the Scholarship funds will be applied to my UT Dallas account and this agreement will go into effect.

\*A high-needs local educational agency is defined in Section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021). A high-needs educational agency is one that serves an elementary or secondary school located in an area in which there is:

* 1. a high percentage of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line;
	2. a high percentage of secondary school teachers not teaching in the content area in which the teachers were trained to teach; or
	3. a high teacher turnover rate.

The U.S. Department of Education and most states maintain and publish lists of high-needs educational agencies.

I have carefully read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the requirements and obligations of the UT Dallas Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program.

Name: Printed

Signature and Date

Witness: Signature and Date