



Please note: this information sheet is adapted for use by Rudolf Steiner College students.

## **AWSNA Teacher Training Fund** **Guidelines and Procedures**

The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to strengthen and support Waldorf schools and teacher education institutes throughout North America. One aspect of this is providing financial assistance to people training to be Waldorf teachers to teach at schools in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These programs are made possible by contributions to AWSNA from member and sponsored schools and institutes, and by grants from the Waldorf Education Foundation. AWSNA is pleased to be able to offer the following funding:

### **Loan to Grant Program**

This program is designed for a student to receive funds that are borrowed from AWSNA. As graduates teach for three consecutive years in affiliated AWSNA Waldorf schools, these funds are transformed to grant status. (This funding assists approximately 15-20 students a year.)

- ❖ Applicants may apply for 25% of the yearly tuition. Students not already teaching should be in their last year of their program.
- ❖ Funds are distributed as a deferred loan, repayable to AWSNA. Each year after graduation that the recipient works at least 3/4-time at an AWSNA-affiliated Waldorf school (or WECAN-affiliated early childhood program), one third of the original loan amount will be converted to grant status.
- ❖ Loans are interest-free during study and while working full-time as a Waldorf teacher. Failure to complete the training, or to teach at least 3/4-time at a school, will cause the loan to become due and payable to AWSNA, as per the terms of the AWSNA Loan to Grant contract.

### **How to Apply**

Students apply for AWSNA teacher training loans directly through Rudolf Steiner College (AWSNA allocates funding to RSC). Complete the Loan to Grant Form\* and return it with RSC's Loan/Scholarship Application to prove financial need.

### **Application process**

Your application will be reviewed by RSC and an RSC Award Letter will be issued with allocations for your loan/scholarship request. Upon your acceptance of these terms, an AWSNA contract is issued stating the terms of your agreement with AWSNA. Once this contract is signed, it is sent to AWSNA for their final approval. The allocated funds from AWSNA are then released to the college. If for any reason AWSNA does not give final approval for granting the funds, the student is responsible for paying the allocated funds to RSC.

### **Matching Grant Program**

This program is designed for individuals currently working at least 3/4's time in an AWSNA-affiliated Waldorf School. (This funding assists approximately 5-7 students a year.)

Applicants may apply for up to 50% of tuition (not including fees). All grants are contingent upon: 1) the amount of funding from the applicant's Waldorf school (for example if a school pays for 50% of the tuition, these AWSNA funds, if available, match that amount); 2) the amount of funding AWSNA allocates to Rudolf Steiner College; and 3) the number of students applying for matching funds. Because these funds are limited, we encourage students to also apply for the above three-year Loan to Grant funding.

### **How to Apply**

- ❖ Students complete an AWSNA Matching Fund Application\* and send it directly to RSC along with RSC's Loan/Scholarship Application to prove financial need.
- ❖ The AWSNA application must be accompanied by a letter from the school where the student teaches, specifying the amount of funds the school will pay and the employment terms of the teacher. Schools must remit funds to RSC 10 business days prior to registration. It is the student's responsibility to make sure these funds are remitted in time or late fees will accrue weekly.
- ❖ Returning student applications are due by April 20, 2011. If an award is offered to the student, then the award amount, the AWSNA application and the school letter are submitted to AWSNA for final approval. Funds are then distributed directly to RSC as a tuition payment. If for any reason AWSNA does not give final approval for granting the funds, the student is responsible for paying the allocated funds to RSC.

\* Please download the forms from the RSC website [www.steinercollege.edu](http://www.steinercollege.edu) > Admissions > Forms. You may also request these forms through the RSC office at 916-961- 8727 x 100. Returning students due date: **April 20, 2011**. New students may apply later, although most funding is allocated by early June.

Please email [admissions@steinercollege.edu](mailto:admissions@steinercollege.edu) if you have questions. We are happy to help you.