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### **Utah Teachers Scholarships Available to Enable Professional Advancement**

SALT LAKE CITY -- Scholarships are available from Western Governors University for Utah teachers currently working in Title I schools. These scholarships offer Utah teachers an excellent opportunity to further their professional development. Utah teachers can earn a master's degree online while they continue to teach in their classrooms.

Western Governors University, is a non-profit, fully accredited online university, and is offering the scholarships to certified K-12 Utah teachers currently teaching in Title I schools who want to get a Master of Education degree in Management and Innovation, Learning and Technology or Measurement and Evaluation, a Master of Arts in Mathematics Education or Science Education or a Master of Arts in English Language Learning. These scholarships provide up to a total of \$4,000. The cost of \$2,790 per six-month term at WGU can be reduced by \$800 per six-month term for up to five terms with the scholarship money.

With the high need nationally for qualified teachers in math and science, WGU is doing its part in filling that need. Federal mandates are requiring teachers to meet higher instructional standards and these scholarships make the professional development accessible, allowing teachers to study at a time and place convenient to them.

This is a competitive program and scholarships will be awarded based upon academic record, current competency and other considerations. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Go to [www.wgu.edu/utsmay](http://www.wgu.edu/utsmay) for information and applications.

#### **About Western Governors University (WGU)**

WGU is the only accredited university in the U.S. offering online competency-based degree programs. The private non-profit university was founded and is supported by 19 governors, as well as over 20 leading corporations and foundations. WGU offers bachelor's and master's degrees in business, information technology, and teacher education. More information is available at [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu).