



2023-2024 Recruitment of Paraeducators

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Are you a Massachusetts public school paraeducator without a Bachelor's degree who wants to become a licensed teacher?

If so, the JET Program is for you!

"Without the JET Program this would have remained a secret dream in my heart. The grant made it possible to pay for school, but the JET Program helped me finish the path." JET Scholar

JET offers a pathway to help you complete your Bachelor's degree, at little cost, and gain a Massachusetts teacher license.

JET supports the goals of building community teacher pipelines and developing an educator workforce that reflects the racial, cultural and linguistic diversity of students.

What JET can do for you

- Mentor and support you through your Bachelor's degree and teacher licensure completion
- Advise you on teacher pathway programs in Massachusetts colleges/universities
- Help you access financial aid available to Massachusetts paraeducators
- Connect you with a cohort of paraeducators working toward the goal of becoming licensed teachers
- Provide you with professional and peer learning opportunities

How JET works

1. Apply online to the JET Program by **March 1, 2023**.
 - a. **Click here for the application.**
2. Advising and Onboarding April - June 2023
 3. College Admissions and Enrollment
 4. Financial Aid
 - i. **FAFSA** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> - Must be completed prior to applying for the state grant below
 - ii. **MA Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant**
<http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/teacherprep.asp>
5. Once admitted to college and approved for financial aid, enroll in classes for 2023 Fall Semester
6. Attend required **JET** Cohort Meetings in June, August and January
7. Participate in the **JET** Mentoring and Support Program from September 2023 - June 2024

Eligibility for JET

- Seeking a Bachelor's degree
- Career goal of becoming a Massachusetts licensed teacher
- Reside in Massachusetts for at least 1 year prior to upcoming academic year
- Employed for 2+ years as a paraeducator in a Massachusetts public school by June 30, 2023 **OR** seeking teacher licensure in a high needs area: Math, Science, Special Education, Foreign Languages, or Bilingual Education
- U.S. citizen or non-citizen eligible under Title IV regulations
- Not be in default of federal or state student education loans or have an unpaid college bill.

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