TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION
Thursday, September 17, 2009

DECISION ITEM E: **Change to Minority Teaching Fellows Program**

Staff Recommendation That the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation seek a legislative change to the Minority Teaching Fellows Program (MTFP) in order to increase overall success of the program.

Background Currently the MTFP is restricted by statute to undergraduate students and typically underutilizes the maximum number of awards available each year. In addition, less than half of those who enroll in the program eventually complete the program and successfully fulfill their teaching requirements.

The proposed change would allow graduate students, in addition to undergraduate students, to enroll in the program. Doing so would allow TSAC to place priority in awards on upperclassmen and graduate students and fully utilize the maximum number of awards each year. The intended impact would be to increase the number of participants who are further along in their academic careers and are more committed to teaching as a career path.

Supporting Document *Change to Minority Teaching Fellows Program*