Resources for Teacher Education Loans and Grants

State Teacher Education Program (STEP)
http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/financialaid/Pages/fa_step.aspx

STEP provides assistance for eligible teachers with repayment of outstanding federal student loans. STEP recipients may receive:

- Loan repayment for federal student loans in the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000) per year for each year a licensed teacher who teaches in a public school located in a geographical area of the state designated as having a critical shortage of teachers OR in a subject matter area designated as having a critical shortage of teachers.

- Additional loan repayment for federal student loans in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000) per year for each year a licensed minority teacher teaches in a public school located in a geographical area of the state designated as having a critical shortage of teachers and/or in a subject matter area designated as having a critical shortage of teachers in Arkansas.

Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP)
http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/financialaid/Pages/fa_top.aspx

The Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP) offers tuition reimbursement grants to Arkansas teachers and administrators. Teachers and administrators may apply for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses paid for up to six (6) college credit hours completed for each academic year, not to exceed $3000. The amount awarded will be based on the tuition, mandatory fees, books, and required supplies paid by the applicant for six (6) college credit hours completed. Reimbursable fees are those required of all students.

TEACH Grant Program
http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/TEACHGrant.pdf

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 per year to students who agree to teach for four years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families and to meet other requirements.

A TEACH-Grant-eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare you to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and that leads to a bachelor’s or master’s degree, or is a post-baccalaureate program.
Other Resources for Teachers

**AmeriCorps Statewide Future Teacher Initiative**  
Provides tutoring in reading and math for at-risk Pre-K students.  
Contact: Candace Howard at (870) 367-4830 or cdaniels@se2.k12.ar.us

**Arkansas Department of Education**  
www.teacharkansas.org  
Provides information for teachers and those seeking to become teachers in Arkansas.  
Contact: (501) 682-5535

**Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority Scholarship**  
www.uapb.edu  
Provides financial assistance to minority students attending public or private institutions of higher education in Arkansas with approved teacher education programs. Recipients must teach in the Arkansas Delta region after completion of licensure program.  
Contact: University of AR at Pine Bluff School of Education—(870) 575-8261

**Arkansas Student Loan Authority**  
ASLA EdLoan Program for Teachers  
www.asla.info/BorrowerService/InterestRateDiscount/EdLoanProgram  
Provides a repayment incentive for borrowers who educate our children.  
Contact: (800) 443-6030

**SREB Doctoral Scholarship Program**  
www.sreb.org  
Provides forgivable loans to assist minority students who desire entry into a Ph.D. program in mathematics, the sciences, engineering, foreign languages or other academic discipline areas where minority doctoral degree recipients are underrepresented nationally.  
Contact: (404) 875-9211, ext. 269

**U.S. Department of Education**  
www.studentaid.ed.gov  
Provides information on federal financial aid, including Deferment and Cancellation options for teachers.  
Contact: (800) 4-FED-AID or (800) 433-3243