**Sponsor for Project CODE: Certification Online in Deaf Education**

In collaboration with Texas Education Agency/ESC17/TWU, a Texas grant is offered to train presently certified teachers to become Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing in the State of Texas. The express goal is to increase the number of certified teachers of the deaf, especially in dire needs areas across the state.

We are requiring a sponsoring entity for this Grant. This may be an RDSPD, a public school, a charter school, a School District, or a Shared Service Arrangement. The sponsoring entity will:

* Verify a need for a DHH teacher in their area
* Allow the graduate student access to observation and training opportunities of up to three full days without penalty
* Work with the graduate student to locate or secure a job after completion of the program

Who is seeking sponsorship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is there a need or an anticipated need for a certified DHH teacher in your area for the 2026-2027 school year? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Please explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We will give you advance notice of training or observation days. Will you allow the graduate student 2 days of training opportunities without penalty during the 2025/26 school year?­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will you commit to helping the graduate student locate job openings or secure a job in your area after successful completion of the program?­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Contact email:

School: Contact phone:

Signature:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ Date:

Please scan or send a screenshot of this completed form to: [TGary@esc17.net](mailto:TGary@esc17.net)

Any questions can also be directed to [TGary@esc17.net](mailto:TGary@esc17.net) or 806-281-5871

\*An entity may sponsor more than one student if the need is justified by position shortages that the sponsoring entity can reasonably fill.