

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Scholarship/Mentoring Program Overview

Each year, The Foundation will award four scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 each, to college students enrolled in teacher education programs at the University of Texas at Austin and New Mexico State University. The scholarships are for one year, provided the eligibility requirements continue to be met. A trustee of The Foundation will be significantly involved with the recipient in the successful completion of her or his degree/licensure/certificate by: (a) being available to discuss course selection, projects and other issues; (b) by providing advice, support, and encouragement; and (c) by assisting the student in developing a team of mentors.

Eligibility

A student who...

1. Is full-time in the final year of the teacher education program;
2. Is specializing in elementary or secondary education (undergraduate or post-baccalaureate);
3. Is in good academic standing at their institution.

Application Requirements

1. Complete the application form;
2. Attach the scholarship/Mentoring Narrative form;
3. Attach two letters of support or arrange to have references mailed or emailed to The Foundation to be received by the deadline;
4. Send most recent official transcript;
5. May be interviewed by telephone or in person.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria

1. Applicants must be eligible for student teaching/internship/practica in the year in which the scholarship is awarded;
2. University grades and academic accomplishments;
3. Recommendations from university/college instructors;
4. Information gleaned by interviews or letters concerning the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential;
5. Financial need
6. Quality of written responses to the application;
7. Applicants will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, or other illegal discrimination categories;
8. Applicants who are related to by blood or marriage to any officer, trustee, employee or independent contractor retained by The Foundation are not eligible to apply;
9. No person who selects recipients may be in a position to derive a private benefit, directly or indirectly, if certain recipients are selected over others.

On-going Eligibility Criteria and Expectations/Monitoring

The recipient will...

1. Provide The Foundation each semester with a transcript indicating that she or he has maintained a B average or higher and is enrolled (or has graduated from) the teacher education program. The transcripts must include specific courses taken;
2. Must also demonstrate that she or he has enrolled for a suitable number of hours to graduate on schedule and has met, or is prepared to meet at an appropriate time, any thesis/senior paper or other special requirements for graduation that

- are imposed generally on teacher education students in the program in which the recipient is enrolled;
3. Meet with their faculty mentor at regular intervals;
 4. Refrain from full- or part-time employment during the student teaching/internship/practice semester;
 5. Provide The Foundation with a copy of the teaching certificate/licensure;
 6. Participate in an exit interview with the faculty mentor, focusing on the ways in which the award supported the successful completion of the final year of the teacher education program.

Timeline

Applications must be postmarked by May 1st
Award notification by July 15th

Please mail five copies of the completed application and required material to:

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation
610 East South Temple, Suite 110
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Or e-mail the completed application to:

info@mccartheydressman.org