

Teacher Education Scholarships Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I just wanted to clarify with you that these scholarships are not for students that are graduating in May, correct?

A: Correct. These scholarships are for students enrolling in the 2012-13 academic year.

Q: Do we need to fill out a separate application for each scholarship that we wish to apply for or do we fill out just one application that applies to all?

A: Only one application is needed no matter how many scholarships you are applying for.

Q: Do you need to be accepted into the Education Program in order to qualify for these scholarships? I am a freshman so obviously I am not yet in the program. However, I plan on applying as soon as I am able to.

A: You have to read the scholarship description and see what the qualifications are. Some require admission to program and some do not.

Q: What exactly does it mean to ask 2 people of the Curriculum and Instruction faculty? I assumed this was an easy procedure until I looked up the faculty on the UWEC faculty for Curriculum and Instruction website.

A: Please disregard those directions. You need a minimum of 2 recommendations. One from a UW-Eau Claire faculty member and the other from any person that is familiar with your education and experience.

Q: I will be studying abroad this spring and because of this will not be able to attend the scholarship reception if I were to receive a scholarship. Can I still apply for a scholarship for next year or do I need to wait until I can attend the reception?

A: Yes, you can still apply for the scholarships. Studying abroad is a legitimate excuse for not attending the reception.

Q: Does it mean by “admitted in the Teacher Education Program” that one has been accepted into the School of Education? Because if that is so, I’m applying of the School of Ed in March, a month after the deadline for the scholarships.

A: You can still apply for scholarships that require admission to program. Final scholarship decisions won't be made until after admission to program decisions have been made. If you do not get admitted to program, you'll be taken out of the running for the scholarships that require it.

Q: For the recommendations section, it says to be completed and returned directly to you, and I was wondering if the person doing the recommendation has to submit it to you themselves or if I can pick it up from them and submit it to you? Also, does it need to be submitted electronically or can it be brought to your office?

A: Recommendations and applications must be sent directly to me or dropped off at my office. Recommendations cannot be attached to the application. All documents must be signed so electronic submission is not allowed.

Q: I have a question pertaining to the scholarship process. I am a Sophomore and was wondering if I am to apply for scholarships that are limited to Juniors because they are not given until the following year.

A: If you will be a junior (credit wise) in the fall, then you are eligible for scholarships that require junior status.

Q: I am working on my scholarship information for the Teacher Education Program and am wondering if there is a limit on how long our resume can be.

A: No limit.

Q: Can I apply for more than one scholarship or am I limited to one? If I can apply for more than one, do I just list the ones I wish to apply for and turn in one set of materials or do I hand in a separate packet for each scholarship? If you could let me know that would be great.

A: On the application "x" the scholarships that you want to apply for and turn in one set of materials.

Q: I am planning on turning in my application for scholarships very soon. I see the spring semester tuition is due February 20 or so. I'm wondering when we will receive notice of the chosen applications. Will we know by the 20th? Also, if we manage to get our tuition paid before we hear back, does that money reimburse what was paid?

A: These scholarships will not be awarded until the 2012-13 academic year.

Q: Some of the requirements say that you need to be a senior student in the school of education. I am a senior credit wise, but I will not be taking Junior Block until next fall, would I qualify for the senior status scholarships?

A: Yes.

Q: I was wondering if I am eligible for this scholarship if I am going to graduate in December of 2010.

A: Yes, you are eligible.

Q: Do the recommendations have to be mailed to you or can a professor hand deliver them to you?

A: Recommendations can be mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to me. They cannot be emailed since I need a signature.

Q: Are there any expectations on how the scholarship application is put together, for example in a binder versus a folder?

A: Your application should just be paper clipped. I will staple it together once I receive the recommendations.

Q: I have a question regarding the scholarship recommendations that we are to acquire in order to apply. Is it absolutely required that one reference comes from an outside of the University source? Or can all of our recommendations be from University faculty? Also, is there a limit on how many recommendations we receive? I see there are spaces for 3 on the application - can there be any more?

A: One reference must come from a UW-Eau Claire faculty member but the rest can come from wherever you want (on or off campus). There is no limit to the number of recommendations.

Q: I had a quick question about the narrative. How would one like this formatted? Should it be single spaced, 1.5, or double spaced?

A: That is totally up to you. No specific format is required.

Q: I have a last minute question about eligibility for various scholarships. I am currently in the block semester of the MCEA education program and plan to student teach during the spring of 2012. There are several scholarships (Mae Bertelson, Mary Snudden Memorial, etc.) that I would be eligible for if it did not require a recommendation for student teaching, which I expect to receive at the end of this semester. Because of the timing of this scholarship application, the recommendation for student teaching and my graduation date, this is my last opportunity to apply for these education scholarships. For this reason, I am hoping that the scholarship committee will consider my application for the aforementioned scholarships, on the condition that I am recommended for student teaching this spring. Is this a possibility?

A: Yes, go ahead and apply for them. The Scholarship Committee understands your situation.

Q: I am applying for several scholarships and I was wondering if the University faculty member can be a staff from Continuing Education?

A: The UW-Eau Claire recommendation should be a faculty member familiar with your coursework.