

2008 Aspiring Educator Scholarship

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The Aspiring Educator Scholarship is designed to further the education of individuals who aspire to work in the field of special education. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending accredited Institutes of Higher Education in the U.S. and majoring in a state approved special education or related service program.

Scholarship Eligibility

To be considered for the scholarship, eligible persons must:

1. Be enrolled at an accredited Institute of Higher Education in the United States and fall into one of the following categories as of the Spring 2008 semester (*see chart below for all eligible categories*):
 - a. Be a second semester Junior or first semester Senior majoring in a state approved program for Special Education, Speech Pathology/Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or School Psychology.
 - b. Be a second semester senior majoring in a state approved teacher education program and enrolled to take continuing education credits or enter a state approved master's level program for Special Education, Speech Pathology/Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or School Psychology.
 - c. Hold a bachelor's degree in teaching from a state approved teacher education program and enrolled to take continuing education credits or enter a state approved master's level program for Special Education, Speech Pathology/Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or School Psychology.

This chart entails ALL the fields of study that are eligible for the Aspiring Educator Scholarship Program.

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| Adaptive Physical Education | Occupational Therapy |
| Assistant Principal (Special Ed.) | Orientation and Mobility |
| Audiology | Physical Disabilities |
| Autism | Physical Therapy |
| Behavioral Specialists | Principal (Special Education) |
| Crisis Intervention Specialist | School Psychologist |
| Developmental Cognitive Disabilities | Severe/Profound Disabilities |
| Emotional Behavior Disorder (K-12) | Social Worker |
| Hearing Impairment | Special Education (Birth – 12) |
| Learning Disability (K-12) | Special Education Coordinator |
| Life Skills | Speech-Language Pathology/Therapy |
| Mental Retardation (K-12) | Teaching Aide - Special Ed. (Pre-K – 12) |
| Mild/Moderate Disabilities | Visual Impairment |

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Application Instructions

The applicant must complete the following no later than June 30, 2008. **Incomplete or late entries will not be accepted.** Teachers-Teachers.com is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications. Step-by-step instructions can be found on page three.

1. Register on the Teachers-Teachers.com website and select "Aspiring Educator Scholarship" in the "How you heard about us" drop down box.
2. Log into the Teachers-Teachers.com website and complete the following sections of the application.
 - Personal Information
 - Education History (including uploaded copies of transcripts*)
 - Certification/Licensure
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Signature
3. Submit an online Teachers-Teachers.com application to scholarship@teachers-teachers.com. Include a cover letter indicating interest in the Aspiring Educator Scholarship Program and an essay no longer than 500 words, addressing his or her academic ambitions and plans upon completion of his or her education.

Rules

1. An award of \$1,000 will be made to each of the five winners of the competition. The money will be paid to the accounts receivable office** of the educational institution of each winner's choice once proof of registration is submitted to Teachers-Teachers.com. Monies must be used by December 31, 2009.
2. The decisions of the judges are final. Teachers-Teachers.com reserves the right to cancel the competition or disburse less than five awards in the event that too few qualified applications are received.
3. Winners will be announced by August 31, 2008. Only the five entrants selected by the judges will be notified.
4. Employees of Teachers-Teachers.com, members of the Scholarship Selection Committee and/or their family members are not eligible for the scholarship.

**Official copies of transcripts may be requested from the winners.*

***Alternate payment arrangements can be made for students already on full scholarship.*

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Step-by-Step Instructions

1. The application process begins at www.teachers-teachers.com. Once there, register for your FREE account by clicking on the “Register Now” button. You will create your unique username and password to access your account.
2. Log in to your account with your username and password and, at a minimum, complete the required sections of your online application found under the “Application” tab. Required sections are:
 - Personal Information
 - Education History (including uploaded copies of transcripts*)
 - Certification/Licensure
 - Extracurricular Activities (also include Community Service in this section for any activities related to education, working with special needs, etc.)
 - Signature
3. Once the online application is complete, submit it through Teachers-Teachers.com by clicking on the “Send Application” link found underneath the “Application” tab. The email address to use is scholarship@teachers-teachers.com.
4. With the application, send a cover letter that indicates your interest in the scholarship program. Within this cover letter, please include your essay no longer than 500 words, addressing your academic ambitions and plans upon completion of your education.