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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/STEMTEC TEACHING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

AWARD INFORMATION

Students with an interest in teaching at the elementary through high school (K-12) level with an academic emphasis in mathematics or science are invited to apply for NSF/STEMTEC Teaching Scholar Awards. We are looking for students who will be leaders in their field and who are interested in learning and applying new approaches to teaching. In addition to the Teaching Scholar Awards, recipients will have various support services available to aid them in their teaching career goals, including mentors, advising, and other STEMTEC and campus based information resources.

AWARD

The scholarships range from $1,000 - $5,000 and will be awarded over a one or two academic year period. Awards will be disbursed, in halves, through the on-campus bursar’s offices shortly after the beginning of each academic semester. Students are encouraged to reapply for scholarship consideration in subsequent years.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Teaching Scholar Awards must be enrolled, or anticipate being enrolled, at least half time at one of the eight collaborating institutions: Amherst College, Greenfield Community College, Hampshire College, Holyoke Community College, Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, Springfield Technical Community College, or the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Applicants should be considering a career in mathematics or science teaching at the elementary or secondary level and/or following a course of study that may lead them to a career in K-12 teaching. They should be able to demonstrate an interest in math or science education, as evidenced by their academic work, volunteer experiences, personal statement, and letters of recommendation. The awards are primarily for undergraduates, but post-baccalaureate students are also eligible and do receive awards. One of the goals of the Teaching Scholars Program is to increase the number of mathematics and science teachers from traditionally underrepresented groups, and students from traditionally underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

Scholarships are available to all qualified candidates, regardless of ethnicity/race. NSF guidelines require that Teaching Scholars must be U.S. citizens or must be permanent U.S. residents with intent to teach in the U.S.
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REQUIREMENTS

Please complete and return, in one package postmarked by March 28, 2002:

- The completed application form. The form is available on-line at http://k12s.phast.umass.edu/~stemtec or through STEMTEC’s Student Services Office.
- Official transcripts from your current institution and all post-secondary schools attended at which four or more classes have been taken. High school seniors should submit high school transcripts; first-year students may want to attach high school transcripts as well.
- Two letters of recommendation with the STEMTEC recommendation forms.

Submit to your on-campus Financial Aid Office for your Fall 2002 institution: the STEMTEC Financial Aid Form, signed and dated by you, to be filled out by your college financial aid officer.

NSF/STEMTEC Teaching Scholars will be asked to participate in some type of teaching experience (with STEMTEC’s assistance) and in Teaching Scholar activities (on- and off-campus workshops, field trips, information sessions, etc. designed to provide information about teaching and learning, certification, etc.), and to turn in a brief final report.

SUBMISSION

For an application, or if you have any questions about the NSF/STEMTEC Teaching Scholars Program or application process, please contact:

Dr. Sharon Palmer
STEMTEC, Director of Student Services
217 Hasbrouck
UMass Amherst
Amherst, MA 01003
Phone: (413) 545-0734
Email: spalmer@k12s.phast.umass.edu

Completed application packages must be postmarked by March 28, 2002. We anticipate announcing awards for the 2002-2003 Teaching Scholarships in June 2002. Please submit completed application packages to:

Ms. Tammy Peters
Five Colleges, Inc.
97 Spring Street
Amherst, MA 01002
ATTN: STEMTEC Teaching Scholars Program

Please visit our web-site to find out more about STEMTEC and the Teaching Scholars Program or to download applications materials: http://k12s.phast.umass.edu

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