

Grow Your Own Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship – Loan

In order to meet the increasing demand for top quality teachers and to enhance the diversity of the teaching population of Duplin County Schools, the Duplin County Board of Education has established the Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship – Loan. The scholarship provides five graduating seniors who enroll in a community college or university with an intended major in teacher education a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year, for a maximum of four years.

The Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship – Loan is open to current Duplin County Schools graduating seniors accepted for college admission. Those interested in becoming teachers supported by the scholarship must be legal residents of Duplin County. Each application must include the following:

- A completed application form
- An official high school transcript
- Verification of SAT/ACT Plus Writing composite and essay scores
- A valid letter of acceptance from a community college or university
- Two completed Reference Forms from persons who can assess the applicant's potential capacity as a future teacher

Only applicants with a 3.0 GPA and valid documentation of community college or university acceptance will be interviewed by a local panel of educators and community leaders. This panel will evaluate the applicants on the application material and the quality of the interview. All application material is confidential. Completed applications, regardless of source, must be submitted to the Duplin County Schools Human Resources Department by late March. **See your School Counselor for a specific submission date.** Local screening and interviews will be completed by the end of April. Award winners will be informed of the local committee's decision by letter no later than early May. A promissory note is required for processing the scholarship – loan. A parent or guardian will sign a promissory note if the applicant is under 18.

Each Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship – Loan recipient will be enrolled as a full-time (minimum of 12 hours) student at a community college or university and will be required to maintain a minimum, cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 each semester. Scholarship recipients must also maintain appropriate credit hours by the end of the freshman year and each semester thereafter. Each scholarship recipient must be admitted into a teacher education program by the end of the first semester of his/her junior year. Payment will be mailed from Duplin County Schools directly to the college/university in which the recipient is enrolled. (Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship – Loan recipients will submit by semester an official copy of his/her transcript to Duplin County Schools Human Resources Department before each annual allotment is awarded.)

Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship – Loan recipients will have six years after undergraduate graduation from college to repay his/her commitment to Duplin County Schools by teaching in Duplin County Schools as a licensed full-time teacher in Duplin County. If the scholarship recipient teaches for four of the six years, his/her debt is repaid. If the recipient does not teach, he/she will begin repayment of the scholarship-loan, with a 10% interest charge, payable in equal installments over a period of four years. If the scholarship recipient does not complete his/her teacher certification program or is withdrawn from the scholarship – loan opportunity because of GPA/credit hour deficits, then repayment will begin 180 days from notification, even if the recipient continues attending college. Duplin County Schools may call in the scholarship – loan at any time if it determines that recipients will not repay in teaching service.

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Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Current Telephone Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Birth Date: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Legal Residency

By my signature, I, the parent/guardian of the applicant, affirm that the applicant is a legal resident of North Carolina (Duplin County). I affirm that I qualify as a legal resident, for purposes of domicile (own property, registered to vote, pay state income taxes, etc.) in the state of North Carolina.

(If you have any questions, contact the Duplin County Schools Human Resources Department.)

_____, Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____, Parent/Guardian Social Security Number

High School: _____

School Address: _____

Name of Principal: _____ Telephone Number: _____

(The following information must be completed by your guidance counselor.)

Un-Weighted GPA (Un-Weighted Scale): _____

Highest SAT Composite: _____ Highest ACT Composite (Converted): _____

Highest Essay Score (SAT or ACT): _____

SAT: Verbal _____ Math _____ Essay _____ Date _____

ACT: Composite _____ Essay _____ Date _____

_____, Signature of Guidance Counselor

_____, Date

_____, Phone Number

List below your intended Community College/University: (Remember to attach proof of acceptance.)

Intended Field of Study (please check one):

- Birth to Kindergarten (B-K)
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Middle Grades Education (6-9)
- Secondary Education (9-12)

SUBJECT AREA: _____

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Please indicate your involvement in any of the activities listed below. Place a check in the appropriate box opposite the listed activity in the column for the year in which you participated in that activity. Also, indicate any positions of office (“A” for appointed, “E” for elected) held for that activity in the column for the year during which you held the office. This form is to be used as a guide. If you participated in any activity not shown on this form, add this information in the space provided at the end. If the activity was not offered at your schools, note this by writing “N/A” once, beside the listing.

<i>Student Leadership</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Student Counsel				
Perfect Attendance				
Office Assistant				
Class Committee				
Homeroom Office				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>Clubs</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Beta Club				
National Honor Society				
Service Club				
Debate Club				
FFA				
FCCLA (FHA)				
FTA				
FCA				
FEA				
HOSA				
Math/Science Club				
TSA				
Quiz Bowl				
FBLA				
DECA				
VEAS				
VEHS				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>Music and Fine Arts</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Chorus				

Glee Club				
Band				
All-State Band				
All-State Chorus				
Theater, Dance/Visual Arts				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>School Publications</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
School Paper				
School Yearbook				
School Literary Magazine				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>School Military/JROTC</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Rank:				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>Teaching Opportunities</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Teacher Cadet				
Project Teach				
Tutor				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>Athletics</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Football				
Basketball				
Baseball				
Tennis				
Swimming				
Soccer				
Track				
Cross Country				
Wrestling				
Golf				
Volleyball				
Softball				
Cheerleader				
Other:				
Other:				
<i>Church or Civic Affiliations</i>	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
1.				
2.				

3.				
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Employment:

Please list any job you have held, whether during the school or summer.

Employer	Position	Dates	Hours/Week

Hobbies and Special Interests *(Please describe.)*

Honors and Awards *(Please list.)*

Describe why you want to teach. *(Please include the major and grade level you think you will pursue. Use only the space provided to respond.)*

I certify that the information contained on this application and in the application packet is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that to falsify information is grounds for declining my application to receive the Duplin County Minority Teachers Scholarship Loan.

In addition, by submitting this application, I understand that I must participate in an interview with the selection committee at an agreed upon time. Also, if awarded this scholarship loan, I will agree to work in Duplin County Schools for four years or will be required to repay the scholarship loan, up to \$20,000.00.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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APPLICANT’S NAME: _____

Please indicate how often you have observed each of the following traits by circling the appropriate rating by each, using the following scale:

R – Rare O – Occasionally F – Frequently NA – Not Applicable

R	O	F	NA	Brings new dimensions to topics of discussion or activities
R	O	F	NA	Seeks the best solution for a challenging situation
R	O	F	NA	Works beyond assignments
R	O	F	NA	Seeks knowledge for its own sake
R	O	F	NA	Is interested in activities and topics beyond the typical interest of his or her peer group
R	O	F	NA	Does not fear being different; is willing to take a stand when appropriate even in the face of opposition
R	O	F	NA	Plans future activities; sets long-term goals
R	O	F	NA	Takes responsibility for his or her own actions
R	O	F	NA	Exhibits leadership by initiating activities within a group
R	O	F	NA	Exhibits flexibility when dealing with change or new situations
R	O	F	NA	Is gracious when fulfilling unpleasant tasks
R	O	F	NA	Has the respect of his or her teachers
R	O	F	NA	Has the respect of his or her peers
R	O	F	NA	Has expressed an interest in teaching

Respond to the following questions in the space provided only.

1. What one trait of this applicant do you think will be the strongest indication of his or her likely success as a superior teacher?

2. How do you know this applicant? How long have you known this applicant?

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