The mission of NACCTEP is to promote the community college role in the recruitment, preparation, retention, and renewal of diverse early childhood and K-12 teachers and to advance quality teacher education programs in the community college.

DESCRIPTION

- The purpose of the NACCTEP National Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to students (undergraduate and alternative certification/post-baccalaureate) at NACCTEP member colleges who are studying to become teachers.
- Awards are for a total of $1,000.
- Scholarship awards will be made available through college financial aid offices.
- An individual may receive a NACCTEP scholarship only once.
- Award recipients who withdraw from their member college or do not maintain the minimum amount of credits will forfeit their scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each applicant must meet all of the following eligibility requirements.

The applicant must:
1. currently attend a NACCTEP member college. Please refer to www.nacctep.org for a list of member institutions or contact NACCTEP at 480-517-8074;
2. be a U.S. citizen or eligible U.S. permanent resident;
3. be in good academic standing, with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
4. be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of six credit hours at a NACCTEP member college during the fall 2015 semester;
5. be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of six credit hours at a NACCTEP member college or transfer to an education program at a four-year institution during the spring 2016 semester; and
6. have earned a minimum of 18 college credit hours by the end of the spring 2015 semester (for alternative certification/post-baccalaureate program students, credits may be from their bachelor’s degree program course of study).
APPLICATION MATERIALS

To be considered for the NACCTEP scholarship, applications must include all of the following documents. Applications will be scored based upon how well applicants address application requirements, as well as the professional appearance of the overall application packet. Additional material and information will not be considered.

The following must be submitted.

1. A completed application form
   • All requested information on the application must be addressed. An application with missing information will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified.
   • The application form should be filled out electronically, printed out, signed, and mailed in with supplemental application materials. Transcript may be mailed separately.

2. A letter of recommendation
   • The letter must be written by a faculty member or administrator at the applicant’s college and include a signature, title, and contact number.
   • The letter must specifically address the individual applicant’s personal strengths, leadership qualities, academic achievements, and potential to become a teacher.
   • A letter on college letterhead is preferred and should be one-sided.

3. An essay describing the following
   • Two concrete reasons you chose to pursue a career in the teaching profession.
   • Your career plans upon completion of your bachelor’s degree or alternative certification/post-baccalaureate program of study, including grades/subjects you plan to teach.
   • Specifically how this scholarship will help you to complete your education and attain your career goals.

   This essay must be one-sided, double-spaced, and a maximum of three pages in 11 or 12 point font.

4. Teaching, community, and/or campus service experiences
   • A list and description of teaching, community, and/or campus service experiences, including dates and roles, must be submitted.
   • The experiences listed should include only those participated in during the time of college attendance or in pre-education courses in high school. This may include teaching experiences, club activities, and work/volunteer activities with early childhood and/or K-12 children.

   This list/description must be separate from the essay, one-sided, double-spaced, and a maximum of one page in 11 or 12 point font.

5. Transcripts
   • Undergraduate students must send official transcripts showing cumulative GPA for all college coursework.
   • Alternative certification/post-baccalaureate program students must send
     o official or unofficial bachelor’s degree program of study transcripts showing cumulative GPA; and
     o official transcripts showing cumulative GPA for all completed post-baccalaureate coursework.

6. Course Schedule
   • Applicants must send an official or unofficial college-generated copy of their spring 2015 course schedule.
TIMELINE

Applications are due in the NACCTEP office by **Friday, April 17, 2015, 5:00 p.m. PDT**. Faxed copies **will NOT** be accepted. Award and regret notifications will be sent in June of 2015.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: NACCTEP
Rio Salado College, Teacher Preparation
2323 West 14th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

QUESTIONS? Please contact NACCTEP at 480-517-8074
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APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS AND/OR DO NOT INCLUDE ALL DOCUMENTS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED.