



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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To The Applicant:

Attached to this letter is an application packet for the Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship. The scholarship is a **competitive**, one-time, non-renewable award of \$2000 to be used in one academic year. You will also find a list of participating colleges and universities with approved teacher education programs. Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship awards are contingent upon a match from the student's chosen institution. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a Missouri resident.
- Be a high school senior or student enrolled fulltime at a community or four-year college or university in Missouri.
- Rank in the top 15% of their high school class **or** score in the top 15 national percentile on an ACT or SAT examination.
- Submit a completed application packet postmarked no later than February 15, 2008.

Listed below are the steps that must be completed:

1. Complete the first page and answer the essay question on page 2.
2. Attach all official transcripts, including your seventh-semester high school transcript **with qualifying test scores and class rank highlighted on the transcripts.**
3. Ask three people to complete the recommendation forms and then return the forms to you to be submitted with your application packet. Applications will not be considered if the recommendations are missing.

The information that you provide to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be screened, and points will be assigned. During the screening process, attention is focused on academic performance; the quantity and quality of school and community activities; range of interests and activities; employment experience; leadership abilities; interpersonal skills; and the desire to enter the education field; as indicated on your application.

Since this is a **competitive** scholarship, applicants with the highest cumulative ratings will receive the scholarship awards contingent upon a match from their selected university or college.

Recipients chosen to receive the Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship will be notified during the month of April, pending an approved budget. Recipients of this award must enroll fulltime in an approved four-year teacher education program. The college or university will keep the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education informed of the student's status as a teacher education major during those years. Upon completion of the teacher education program, recipients are committed to teaching in a Missouri public elementary or secondary school for five years and must keep the Department informed of his/her teaching status during this period. **Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship recipients who fail to complete a teacher education program or who fail to teach in Missouri public schools for five years after graduation must repay the \$1000 of the scholarship funded by the State.**

Use the checklist at the bottom of the page to ensure that your application is complete. The application must be **postmarked no later than February 15, 2008**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship. Your application should be sent to:

Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship Program
Teacher Quality and Urban Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

Questions concerning the non-renewable Missouri Teacher Education Scholarship can be directed to your school counselor. You may also contact Laura Harrison at (573) 751-1668 or by e-mail at Laura.Harrison@dese.mo.gov.

Sincerely,



Rosalyn Wieberg, Assistant Director
Educator Recruitment and Retention

Information listed below must be included with your application to be considered for selection:

_____ Application Form (Page 1)

_____ Essay/Resume (Page 2)

_____ Transcript(s): **Highlighted** class rank
 Highlighted ACT/SAT score
 Highlighted GPA

_____ 3 Recommendations

Attachments