



2010 PDK Prospective Educator SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Educator Application Form**

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First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

PDK CHAPTER APPLICATION

The PDK Educational Foundation annually awards scholarships to prospective educators. This application form is for high school seniors who intend to attend college and major in education and whose application is submitted to the local PDK chapter for consideration. Once completed, this application must be returned by February 1, 2010, to the following PDK chapter representative:

To be completed by PDK Chapter Representative:

Marie Bossler PDK Fund
Berks County Comm Foundation
237 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601

Chapter #1116
E-mail letad@bccf.org
Phone 610-685-2223

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Submit your completed application packet no later than February 1, 2010, to the PDK representative listed above. All applications are reviewed by a chapter screening committee that has until March 1 to forward its top two applications to PDK International for final competition.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- **Essay** – Attach your written response to the essay question on 8 ½ x 11 inch white paper. Limit your response to 500 words or less. The essay must be typed and double spaced. Your full name should appear on each page. The essay question is on page three of this application.
- **Reference Letters** – Two letters of reference are required, and only two will be accepted. One letter must be from a person familiar with your academic abilities and school activities; the second letter may come from a person of your choice. Both letters should address your interest in teaching and the qualities that will make you a successful educator. Your full name should appear in the upper right corner of each letter of recommendation.
- **Transcript** – Request a copy of your high school transcript from your school counselor. Your transcript must include class size, class rank, and grade point average.

THE APPLICATION PACKET WILL INCLUDE:

- ____ Your essay
- ____ Two reference letters
- ____ Transcript
- ____ This application form

Do not send folders, binders, photographs, or other attachments. Make a copy of the completed application for your records.



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Please type or print legibly in black ink.

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE or PROVINCE ZIP OR POSTAL CODE
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E-MAIL ADDRESS TELEPHONE

What is your gender? Male Female

Which best describes your race/ethnicity? Select all that apply. (Optional.)

- White, not Latino
- Latino/Hispanic
- African American
- Asian
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify) _____

A copy of your academic transcript must accompany your application. Indicate if the transcript is attached or will be sent separately to the chapter representative.

- Transcript is attached.
- Transcript will be sent separately. (The transcript must be received by February 1, 2010.)

Please complete the following academic information. See your high school counselor if you need assistance.

____ GPA (Grade point averages are to be figured on a 4.0 scale.)
____ Class size
____ Class rank

Once I earn my teaching certificate, I would like to teach the following students. Check only one:

- Preschool/Early Childhood/Prekindergarten students
- Elementary students (Grades K-6)
- Middle School Students (Grades 7-8)
- High School Students (Grades 9-12)
- College Students

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have worked with others in a teaching or learning capacity. Include any education-focused clubs or organizations you belong to.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have served as a leader. Include any offices you have held in clubs or organizations. These activities could be both in school and outside of school.



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SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have participated in service projects. These activities could be both in school and outside of school.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

List employment and other significant extracurricular activities not mentioned above.

REFERENCES

List the two people you have asked to provide letters of reference. One should be an educator who knows your academic ability, and the other may be a person of your choice. List the name, title, and telephone number or e-mail address for each reference. Attach both letters of reference to this application form and make sure that each letter has your name in the upper right corner.

Name _____

Title _____

E-mail Address or Phone Number _____

Name _____

Title _____

E-mail Address or Phone Number _____

ESSAY QUESTION

Attach your written response to the following essay question. Answer all parts of the question. The essay must be typed, double spaced, and 500 words or less. Your full name should appear on each page of the essay.

What has caused you to choose a career in education? What do you hope to accomplish during your career as an educator? How will you measure your success?



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ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Some of the scholarships that PDK awards have specific eligibility criteria established by the donor. Please review the list below and check those for which you are eligible. You may check more than one box. If you are not eligible for any of the following specific scholarships, your application will still be considered for awards from the PDK general scholarship fund.

- Blackstead Scholarship – High school seniors in DoDDS schools in Germany pursuing education careers.

- Dave Sanders/Columbine High School Endowed Scholarship – Students from the State of Colorado who plan to major in education. Preference given to students from Columbine High School, Littleton, Colorado.

- Gabbard Memorial Scholarship – High school seniors, with preference to those in Florida and Ohio.

- Gough Memorial Scholarship – High school seniors entering college to study journalism or English who will teach.

- Hanshaw Family Scholarship – Students in the field of music education, with a specific interest in choral music.

- Holm Memorial Scholarship – High school seniors from California who are pursuing education careers, with preference to Oakland and Bay Area students.

- J. Arnold Webb Scholarship – Preference to a student attending a historically black college.

- Jimmie Elliot “Crystal Stair” Scholarship – Students who intend to teach, who have a demonstrated need, and who reside in the State of Alabama.

- Jo Ann Ota Fujioka Endowed Scholarship – High school seniors of color pursuing education careers.

- Kersey/Oglesby Family Scholarship – High school seniors preparing to major in elementary education or early childhood education with preference to male students from Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia.

- Petermichel Family Fund – Catholic high school seniors with preference to those who are members of any of the following Catholic parishes: St. Patrick’s in Cairo, Illinois; Pope Pius X in Chula Vista, California; or St. Vincent’s in Bedford, Indiana; or who are students at Bedford North Lawrence High School or Monroe County Community high schools in Indiana.

- Schmalz Family Scholarship – High school seniors of need planning to pursue careers in education at any level in any subject. (If this box is checked you must attach a copy of your FAFSA application.)

- Walling Family Scholarship – High school seniors whose parents are on active duty in or retired from the United States Army and who intend to study music or art and to pursue a career in teaching. Circle parents’ current status: Active or Retired. List years of U.S. Army service _____.