



Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics

2017 Miriam Schaefer Scholarship Award Guidelines

Purpose

The goal of the Miriam Schaefer Scholarship Award is to financially assist students currently enrolled in a mathematics teacher education program. The award is to be used for tuition, books, labs, and fees necessary to fulfill requirements for a BA or BS degree with teacher certification.

Eligibility

Each applicant must be a Michigan resident and currently enrolled at a Michigan college or university in an elementary or secondary teacher education program with a mathematics specialty. Applicants must be a college/university junior or senior in good academic standing by June 1, 2017, with an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher. In addition, secondary education students must have successfully completed the colleges/university's required calculus sequence and have a mathematics major. Elementary education students must have at least a mathematics minor. In determining eligibility, applicants enrolled in the final year of a five-year teacher preparation program will be considered a senior. The classification (junior or senior) for an applicant who has earned a degree in another area and has enrolled in a teacher education program will be determined by his/her June 1 status in the teacher education program. The applicant must also be a member of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Award

A check for \$3,000 will be paid to the scholarship recipient(s) with their school as the second payee. The term of each scholarship is for one year and shall not be renewable.

Requirements

- Complete the Miriam Schaefer Scholarship Application Form
- Typewritten essay – 500 to 1000 words in length. Double-spaced. Should include:
 1. Your personal statement – this will explain your interest in teaching mathematics and should give a personal history that led you to this field. Include a statement of why you wish to work with your selected level of student. Briefly describe your professional development goals to stay current in the field.



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2. Your teaching statement – this will begin with your philosophy of teaching. How will you teach and why will you teach in this manner? It is necessary to make evident in your statements what you have learned about how students learn mathematics. Exhibit your knowledge of current state and national standards. Reflect on your assessment strategies, use of cooperative learning, technology use, understanding of multiple representations and connecting mathematics to everyday life. Describe what a typical lesson would look like in your classroom. Include information using assessment techniques that will exhibit evidence of student learning.

- Transcripts of grades from all colleges and universities you have attended.
- List of extracurricular and/or community activities and interests. Include name of organization, dates of service and your role.
- Official statement from current college transcript office verifying anticipated junior/senior status as of June 1, 2017.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation on official letterhead from persons who can best attest to your potential for becoming a teacher of mathematics at the level you plan to teach. This would include, but not be necessarily limited to, persons such as mathematics and mathematics education professors, education/academic advisors, supervisors of classroom field experience, or a supervisor for a job in which you worked with children/students in an educational, teaching, tutoring, or coaching situation. At least one of the letters must be from a mathematics or mathematics educator from whom you took a course.

Application Deadline

Submit the completed **Miriam Schaefer Scholarship Application Form** in one envelope, postmarked no later than April 1, 2017 to:

MCTM Scholarship Committee
Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics
4767 Stadler Road
Monroe, MI 48162-9424

2017 Miriam Schaefer Scholarship Application Form
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Applicants: Read the 2017 Guidelines detailing eligibility and requirements
You must be a Junior/Senior by Fall 2017
You must be a resident of Michigan (see guidelines)
Scholarship must be used at a Michigan college or university

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| College Address (if different from home address) | City | State | Zip |
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Check preferred address after April 28, 2017: Home ___ College ___

Birth Date _____

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| High School Attended | City | State | Date of Grad |
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| College where currently enrolled | Transcript office phone number | overall GPA |
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Anticipated Status as of Fall 2017 Junior ___ Senior ___

Secondary Education students must have completed the college/university required calculus sequence and be a mathematics major.
Elementary Education students must have a major or minor in mathematics.

Level of Study: Elementary Education ___ Secondary Education ___

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| College Major(s) | College Minor(s) |
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Other Colleges Attended _____

Read the following statement and sign the application below.

I have completed the application form, have read the 2017 guidelines, satisfy all eligibility requirements (including residency and membership) for the Miriam Schaefer Scholarship, and have enclosed all materials required for consideration of my application using the provided checklist.

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| Signature of Applicant | Date |
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