Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators
Scholarship Program

Since the 1989-1990 school year, the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators (TASPA) has awarded a scholarship to assist college students seeking their initial teaching certification and/or endorsement. The scholarship will be a minimum of $2,000 for one year, granted in two installments of $1,000 or half the scholarship amount per semester during the student's final year provided the individual meets all maintenance requirements. One semester must be the student teaching semester. TASPA works in conjunction with the Texas Association for Employment in Education (TAEE) in administering the scholarship on TAEE current member campuses. Checks will be sent directly to the career services representative to verify that the applicant is a full-time student and is pursuing a prescribed course of study for initial teacher certification and/or endorsement before applying any money to the costs.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student graduating in May or August 2011

* Recipients agree to be introduced to TASPA & TAEE at the Winter Conference.
* Any monies not used for tuition can be applied to any other university-based expenses the student may incur.

### TAEE Coordination Process

- Only ONE application from each participating school will be submitted by the TAEE Career Services Office representative to the TASPA scholarship committee.
- Questions concerning the application process should be addressed to the TAEE Career Services Office representative on your campus.
- If your nominee is selected, you will be contacted through the TAEE Career Services Office representative by the TASPA scholarship committee by mid-August.

Application materials must be submitted to the University Career Center Services Office representative by June 11, 2010.

### General Criteria
- applicants **must** meet each criterion.
  - Have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.
  - Be a high school graduate or equivalent status.
  - Submit a letter of support from the Dean of Education or designated representative, addressing the merits of the candidate.
    - If the letter is from a designated representative, the signature of the dean is still required.
  - Submit official documentation (transcript) supporting that the student:
    - Attained at least junior standing as defined by the institution.
    - Met the required grade point average at the time of application to be eligible for admittance into the teacher education program.

### Weighted Criteria
- applicants **do not** have to meet each criterion.
  - Work experience that has been applied to college expenses.
  - Seeking initial certification and/or endorsement in a state-identified critical area.
  - Awards or other recognitions
  - Other scholarship or financial aid support (as a demonstration of recognized financial need and merit).
  - Parent(s)/legal guardian or sibling currently in the teaching profession.

### Maintenance Criteria
- recipient **must** meet all requirements.
  - Verified enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the university) during the semesters receiving the scholarship.
  - Maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better each semester.
  - Continue to be enrolled in a teacher education program and be in good standing with the university as verified by a letter from the Dean of Education or designated representative.

NOTE: Maintenance Criteria verification will be scheduled between the scholarship recipient and the career services representative at the appropriate time.
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The application, transcript, and letter from the Dean of the College of Education or a designated representative must be submitted by Friday, June 11, 2010, to your Career Services representative. Fill in or check all blanks. An incomplete application will not be considered for the TASPA Scholarship. Please type or print. An unofficial transcript can be used at this time, but an official transcript may be required at a later date. We anticipate awarding up to three scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

I am applying for scholarship assistance for: ________________ (semesters) ________________ (year)

Legal Name: _______________________________________________________________________

School Address: _________________________ Permanent Address: _________________________

City: _______________________ State: _________ City: _______________________ State _________

Telephone: ( _____ ) ______-_________ Telephone: ( _____ ) ______-_________

Authorized to work in the United States full-time in accordance with TEA certification guidelines? YES  NO

List the colleges and/or universities you have attended:

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Teaching field(s): ___________ Expected graduation date: ___________ Current GPA: ___________

Certificate level: EC-4 EC-6 4-8 8-12 EC-12

Circle if applicable: Special Ed ESL Bilingual

Total number of hours completed by the end of this semester: ______________

Will you meet university standards to be a full-time student in the upcoming semester? YES  NO

1. List work experience that has been used to support your college education. Use an additional sheet if needed:

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2. Do you have, or expect to have, any scholarships or other financial aid from other sources? YES NO
If so, please give amounts and sources:
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3. List any honors, awards, achievements, or extracurricular activities in which you have been involved.
List institutions and year:
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4. Please write a brief statement declaring why you selected this particular area of certification.
Use an additional sheet if needed.
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Student’s Certification Statement:

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information contained in this application is correct and complete. I will notify the Career Services representative should any changes in my situation occur. I authorize the selection committee to verify any information contained in this application through university records. Furthermore, should I be the recipient of a scholarship, I hereby authorize the Student Financial Aid Office to furnish semester grade reports to my scholarship donor for such time as I remain on the scholarship program. If I am awarded the scholarship, I commit to teaching in Texas for two full years.

Date: ________________  Applicant signature: ____________________________________________

Career Services Representative’s Statement:

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, based on existing university records, that the information contained in this application is correct.

Date: ________________  Signature: ____________________________________________________

The Career Services representative must sign and return this application to the TASPA Scholarship Selection Committee Chair no later than Friday June 25, 2010. Please ensure that all required materials are mailed to:
Attention: Melva Cárdenas, TASPA Executive Director
406 East 11th Street, Suite 305, Austin TX 78701
FAX: 512.494.9354
Tel: 512.494.9353

http://www.taspa.org/board/Scholarship_form.htm