

Pendergast Education Foundation Scholarships

Up to \$7,500 Scholarship Available for each recipient

Who will benefit?

The scholarship program is an investment in the West Valley of Phoenix, and the Pendergast community, with students and families the primary recipients of the efforts of the Pendergast Education Foundation. Scholarships are awarded to help West Valley education students complete their degree program and provide incentive to teach in the Pendergast School District and other West Valley schools. The community profits by a program designed to promote higher education and to encourage graduates to return to Pendergast as teachers and contributors.

The Pendergast District serves families in Phoenix, Glendale and Avondale. The District has 10,000 students attending 14 elementary schools. There are 600 certified teachers in the District.

Who will receive scholarship assistance?

Based upon a selection process, the Pendergast Education Foundation will award a number of tuition scholarships to aspiring teachers who are accepted into the Professional Development School (PDS) program, a partnership of the Pendergast Elementary School District and Arizona State University (West). The PDS program is an accelerated, 18 month degree program that provides intensive student teaching and classroom experiences. Because of the time commitment, most PDS students are unable to work during their classes and need financial assistance.

The Scholarship program for 2010-2011

The first Pendergast Education Foundation scholarship awards were made in the fall, 2009 to five (5) students in the Professional Development School Program. The scholarship funds are paid directly to the student after successful completion of each semester's work. Up to \$7,500 will be available for scholarship recipients to be paid in this fashion:

- \$1,500 after successful completion of the first semester
- \$1,800 after successful completion of the second semester
- \$2,000 after successful completion of the third semester
- \$2,200 after one of service as a teacher in the Pendergast District
- Total available scholarship: \$7,500

The Scholarship Selection Criteria

This is a competitive scholarship process. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications and make final determinations on scholarship winners based on these qualifications. To be considered for a Pendergast Education Foundation scholarship, applicants must be accepted into the Professional Teacher Preparation Program at Arizona State University, College of Teacher Education and Leadership. The applicant must be attending classes and gaining field experience in the Pendergast Elementary School District.

The Scholarship Selection Committee bases its selection on current or previous affiliation with the Pendergast District along with:

- Financial need
- Grade point average
- Essay
- References

How to Apply

A complete application package is essential for consideration. Be sure to include:

- The completed, confidential scholarship application form
- Two references, including at least one from a college instructor or advisor
- One-page cover letter

The application package is due on: June 12, 2010. Send the package to:

Scholarship Selection Committee
Pendergast Education Foundation
Attn: David Hume
3802 N. 91st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85037
(623) 772-2221

**2010 – 2011 Pendergast Education Foundation
Scholarship Application**

Deadline: June 12, 2010

(This application information may be reproduced in other formats.)

Date: _____

1. Personal Information (please print or type):

(All information will remain confidential and not used for any purpose other than scholarship application/notification)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date of birth: _____

Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Marital status: _____ Ages of dependent children: _____

2. Affiliation with the Pendergast Elementary School District:

If none, please check I have no prior affiliation with the Pendergast Elementary School District.

If you do have an affiliation with the Pendergast District, please write a brief description of your experience or affiliation with the District that may include:

Went to, or graduated from, a Pendergast School

Currently or previously worked for the Pendergast District

Residence in the District (you or family)

Any other affiliation you may have with Pendergast

3. Academic Achievement:

Please provide background on your high school and college experiences and achievements. In a brief narrative or in this format, please include:

Name of college or university: _____

Dates attended: _____

Credits/degree earned: _____ Grade point average: _____

High School: School _____ location _____

High School grade point average or class rank or academic achievement

Any high school or college honors, achievements or other activities that are noteworthy

For the 2010-2011 school year, I have been accepted into the Professional Teacher Preparation Program at Arizona State University, College of Teacher Education and Leadership: **Yes No**

4. Financial Statement:

Please provide a brief description of your financial circumstances and need for scholarship. You may want to make reference in the statement to your: current income; other scholarship or grant support you receive; or, your status as a dependent or as a head of a household.

You may include information about your work experience and history:

5. Two-part Essay (please attach)

Part 1 (250 words or less): My passion for teaching

Part 2 (250 words or less): My career aspirations

6. References:

Please include 2 letters of reference, including at least one from a college instructor or advisor.

7. Cover Letter:

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