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The Minority Educator Recruitment and Retention Scholarship is for full-time students of minority pursuing initial teacher certification at the University of Kentucky. Students must be admitted to the University of Kentucky prior to completing an application. Students selected to receive the scholarship are required to participate in several extracurricular activities set forth by the Office for Undergraduate Advising and Student Success (e.g. meetings, workshops, special events, etc.). Students who receive the scholarship must teach in a Kentucky public or specified non-public school upon graduation one year for each semester the scholarship is received. Recipients who fail to teach in Kentucky for the obligatory number of semesters will be required to repay the money that they have received. Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students and must meet the following minimum criteria:

- **Be a U.S. citizen and a Kentucky resident (as defined by 13KAR2:045)**

**Be a minority (as defined by KRS 160.345)** *Minority student is defined as “a student who is American Indian, Alaskan native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central and South American Origin), Pacific Islander, or Asian American.”[H.R. 1430, (J), 101<sup>st</sup> Congress, Second Session]*

- **Be admitted to the University of Kentucky**
- **Hold a 2.75 cumulative grade point average (unweighted)**
- **Declare teacher education as major field of study**

The maximum award amount is \$5,000.00 per academic year (\$2,500.00 per semester) with a maximum aggregate award amount of \$20,000.00 throughout the student's academic career. Recipients who wish to continue to receive funding must reapply ever semester. Recipients able to continue receiving the award while transferring to another Kentucky institutions, may only receive the maximum award amount one time.

**If at any point during the student's academic career any of the criteria listed is not met, the scholarship converts to a loan at the rate of 6% per annum.**

All materials must be submitted by the following dates:

Fall Semester - **August 1**

Spring Semester - **December 5**

Students must submit a completed application to be considered for a scholarship. A completed application file includes the following:

- **Application Form (Attached)**
- **Résumé**
- **Essay– a 1-2 page typed, double-spaced essay addressing the topic "Why I Want to Teach"**
- **Complete set of official high school and/or college transcripts**
- **Two letters of recommendation from education or business professionals personally knowledgeable of applicant's academic and/or work performance. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.**
- **RENEWING APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM**

Completed application and required materials must be submitted to Sarah DeVriendt:

Office for Undergraduate Advising and Student Success  
166 Taylor Education Building  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0001, (859) 257-7681

