

## Scholarship Program for Teaching Assistants in Special Education

### **Purpose**

The Scholarship Program for Teaching Assistants was established to support the professional development of educators committed to serving students with special needs. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to Teaching Assistants in Special Education who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree as well as endorsement programs in an area of special education or a related field.

Up to five one-time \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually within the sole discretion of the Foundation Board.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must be:

1. A full-time Teaching Assistant employed by TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative or any of its member districts and has been so employed for at least one school year prior to application; and
2. Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate school degree as well as endorsement programs in an area of special education or a related field.

### **Application**

The applicant must submit a completed application, as well as a written essay on what inspired the applicant to pursue his/her field of study. In addition, the applicant must submit either a transcript of grades from the educational institution in which he/she is enrolled, if the applicant has taken classes, or proof of enrollment if they have not; a letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator with whom the applicant has worked; and a list of any employment or activities in which he/she has been involved that serve children and/or families with disabilities.

Applications must be mailed to TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative Foundation, PO Box 2575, Northbrook IL 60065-2575. Scholarships will be awarded in December.

### **Determination of Scholarship Award**

Upon receipt of the completed application, the Foundation will review the application and determine the Scholarship Awards based on, but not limited to, the goals and potential of the applicant in pursuing a degree in Special Education or a related field.

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### **Payment of Scholarship Award**

Payment of the Scholarship shall be made to an award recipient upon presentation of a bill or fee statement from the institution where the recipient is attending. The Scholarship Award must be redeemed within two years from the date the Scholarship is awarded.

Please contact us at [TrueNorth804Foundation@gmail.com](mailto:TrueNorth804Foundation@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

**TrueNorth 804 Educational Cooperative Foundation**  
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**Application Packet Contents**

1. Completed Application Form
2. A 200-400 word written essay explaining your short and long term goals and what inspired you to pursue a degree in special education or a related field.
3. A transcript from the educational institution in which you are enrolled, if you have taken classes, or proof of enrollment, if you have not attended classes.
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator with whom you have worked.
5. A list of any employment or activities in which you have been involved that serve children with disabilities and/or their families.

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**Application Form**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Term of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Education**

Prior College and Degree Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

School's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_