



Announcing the Champions of Education Teaching Scholarship (Sponsored by Roberts Mazda and Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation)

The Catawba County Champions of Education established the Champions of Education Teaching Scholarship in 2008. The two-year scholarship will be awarded to a Catawba County resident who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in education and who, within three years of graduation, agrees to teach in one of Catawba County's three school systems for two years.

The \$5,000 (\$2,500 for each year) merit scholarship will be awarded to a rising college junior.

In addition to submitting an application, the applicant must:

- Be a resident of Catawba County for a minimum of 24 months.
- Have completed the initial two years of college with a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- Have earned an SAT score of 1100 or better (550 minimum in math and 550 minimum in critical reading) **or** 522 or better on the Praxis I (176 minimum on reading, 173 in writing, and 173 minimum in math) **or** 24 or better on the ACT.
- Be eligible for acceptance in a teacher education program leading to licensure in one of the following two options: 1) an Appalachian State University (ASU) off-campus program offered at ASU Center at Caldwell or Hickory Metro Higher Education Center (HMHEC) or 2) a program offered at Lenoir-Rhyne University.
- Have demonstrated commitment to pursuing a career in education.
- Submit an application including transcripts, test scores, and three letters of reference postmarked no later than **July 15, 2008**.
- Agree to participate in an interview if he or she is selected as a finalist.
- Agree to teach in one of Catawba County's three schools systems (Catawba County Schools, Hickory City Schools, Newton Conover City Schools) for two years within three years of graduation from college.

Candidates who intend to pursue degrees in high school math, high school science, exceptional children education, middle school math, middle school science, middle school social studies, or foreign language/ESL are especially encouraged to apply. In addition, students from underserved populations are encouraged to apply.

Applicants who are awarded this scholarship will receive \$2,500 at the beginning of their junior year of college, and an additional \$2,500 at the beginning of their senior year as long as they maintain a 3.0 GPA and remain enrolled in a teacher education program leading to licensure.

Applications may be downloaded on-line at www.HMHEC.org or www.lrc.edu. Completed applications should be mailed to Teaching Scholarship Committee c/o Mr. Lamar Mitchell, Catawba County Champions of Education, PO Box 1828, Hickory, NC 28603. Applications must be complete and postmarked no later than **July 15, 2008**.



The Champions of Education Teaching Scholarship Application Form

I. Applicant's Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Years Residing in Catawba County: _____

Ethnic Group (Optional):

- African American
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Hispanic Latino
- Multi-Racial
- Native American
- Other: _____

Gender (Optional):

- Female
- Male

II. Applicant's Academic Information

Highest SAT Scores: _____ Math _____ Reading

OR

Highest Praxis I Scores: _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Writing

OR

Highest ACT Score: _____

Freshman GPA: _____

Sophomore GPA: _____

College/University attended: _____

I am a Home Grown Teaching Scholar _____ Yes _____ No

I am applying as a rising junior at:

- ASU through an off-campus program offered at the ASU Center at Caldwell
- ASU through an off-campus program offered at HMHEC
- Lenoir-Rhyne College

As of the date I submitted this application, I have been accepted in this program¹:

_____ Yes _____ No

If “no”, expected date of notification _____

Area of licensure to be pursued²:

- High school math
- High school science
- Exceptional children education
- Middle school science
- Middle school math
- Middle school social studies
- Foreign language/ESL
- Other (Please list): _____

Have you been awarded any other scholarships?³

- North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program
- Prospective Teacher Scholarship/Loan (PTSL)
- Millennium Teachers of NC
- Teacher Assistant Scholarship Fund
- Physical Education/Coaching Scholarship Fund
- Other (Please list): _____

¹ An applicant does not need to have been accepted in order to submit an application, but proof of admittance into one of these programs must be provided before the scholarship will be awarded.

² Although consideration will be given to the listed high need areas of teaching licensure, applicants pursuing other areas of licensure are also encouraged to apply.

³ An applicant who receives these or any other scholarship assistance is still eligible for the Champions of Education Teaching Scholarship as long as he or is not receiving 100% support for tuition and fees. This scholarship will be made to the candidate's school and may be used for tuition, books, and other academic fees.

III. Applicant's Professional Experiences and Goals

What educational experience have you had that most influenced the kind of teacher you want to become? Explain in 800 words or less. (Attach additional pages as needed.)

References (Please include three letters of reference from: 1) a college or university professor who is familiar with your academic abilities; 2) a current or previous employer or supervisor of a volunteer position who is familiar with your employment and/or your aptitude for teaching; and 3) a member of the community who is familiar with your commitment to a career in education. Individuals submitting references for you may complete their letters on-line or download the form and mail it to: Scholarship Committee c/o Lamar Mitchell, Catawba County Champions of Education, PO Box 1828, Hickory, NC 28603. Letters of reference must be postmarked no later than *July 15, 2008*.

1. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

By submitting and signing this application, I understand that if I am awarded this scholarship, I must be accepted in and enroll in one of the teacher education programs leading to licensure offered at ASU Center at Caldwell; HMHEC, or Lenoir-Rhyne University. I further understand that I must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Within three years of graduation, I agree to teach in a Catawba County school system for two years. If I withdrawal from school, change my major from education, do not accept a teaching position with a Catawba County school system, or for any other reason cannot fulfill the obligations associated with this scholarship, I agree to reimburse Champions of Education for the funds that I have received within one year from the date of my graduation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



The Champions of Education Teaching Scholarship Reference Form

Reference for Applicant: _____
(Full Name)

Please describe your knowledge of the applicant's educational, professional, and/or volunteer experiences as well as his or her commitment to a career in education. (Attach additional pages as needed.)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____