

Rural Oklahoma

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS

Program Description

Shamrock Bancshares and the Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation are sponsoring a scholarship program that will give classroom teachers an opportunity for further study and training. The purpose of the program is to enhance the quality of classroom education by helping teachers receive advanced training and develop additional skills that will improve their ability to work with students in the classroom.

The scholarship program for 2010 is open to classroom teachers currently employed in selected Oklahoma school districts* who have two years of classroom teaching experience. The scholarship can be used for study or training in the following areas:

1. Study towards an advanced degree at an accredited college or graduate school. The study program should be in education or in a subject area that can be taught in the classroom. Classes should be part of a program that will lead to an advanced degree.
2. Special courses in specific subjects or technical training in specific areas which are directly related to teachers' classroom subject or area of interaction with students. An accredited institution authorized for appropriate continuing education credit should provide the program.
3. Participation in specific teacher training opportunities which will enhance the teacher's ability to work with students in the classroom. These may be provided by arts organizations, research or medical organizations, or libraries or technical training organizations.

Any program which directly affects the classroom activities will be considered but preference will be given to teachers studying in the following fields: visual or performing arts, English and language arts, reading, mathematics, natural and physical science, foreign language, and computer science.

Programs that will not be considered include education and training for teachers pursuing school administration positions.

Scholarships will be awarded for tuition, fees and books for any graduate level program that leads to a degree and program fees and expenses for other programs. Fees for travel and living expenses will be considered for those programs of short duration for which travel is required. Travel expenses for commuting will not be considered. It is expected that the training programs will occur during the summer vacation but other programs during the school year will be considered. The maximum award for any one-year will be \$1,000. A commitment for two complete years of classroom teaching in the targeted counties following the training will be required.

Interested teachers can receive an application for the Shamrock Bancshares Scholarships for Teachers from the Web site at www.ruraloklahoma.org or by contacting the principal's office of the selected local public school or from the Shamrock Bank offices in the following Oklahoma communities:

Coalgate
Caddo
Mountain View
Altus
Apache
Clayton
Durant

The deadline for the 2010 applications will be April 1, 2010 with notification of grant decisions by approximately May 15, 2010.

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation and the Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation administer this scholarship program. Any questions about the program should be directed to Mary Surbeck, classroom grants coordinator, Oklahoma City Community Foundation at 405/606-2917 or m.surbeck@occf.org

All information contained in the application form will be confidential. Officers and employees of the above named banks will not receive the applications and will not participate in the selection process.

*Oklahoma school districts which have been selected:

Atoka County: Atoka elementary schools, Caney, Harmony, Lane and Tuska
Bryan County: Bennington, Caddo, Rock Creek, Robert E. Lee Elementary School – Durant, Durant Middle School, Northwest Heights Elementary School – Durant, Washington Irving Elementary School – Durant and Intermediate Elementary School - Durant
Caddo County: Boone-Apache, Carnegie and Corn Bible School
Coal County: Coalgate, Cottonwood, Olney, and Tupelo
Jackson County: Rivers Elementary School-Altus, Roosevelt Elementary School-Altus, Washington Elementary School-Altus, Sunset Elementary School – Altus, Will Rogers Elementary School – Altus, Altus Middle School
Johnston County: Coleman
Kiowa County: Mountain View-Gotebo
Latimer County: Buffalo Valley
Pushmataha County: Albion, Clayton, Nashoba, and Tuskahoma
Washita County: Washita Heights

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS Application Form

Please read the cover sheet that describes those eligible for this scholarship and the programs that will be considered for funding. The application includes the following four parts:

1. Identification and Personal Information. Please complete the attached application cover sheet that provides basic information for the scholarship committee.
2. Education and Teaching Experience. Please provide a personal resume that lists your educational background (colleges, degrees, courses of study, graduation dates) and your teaching experience (schools, positions, courses taught). Include any other job experience that is related to your current teaching position.
3. Proposed Program of Study. Please write a one-page description of the program of study for which you are applying and why you think it will improve your ability to work with your students. Please give specific details about the program.
4. Recommendation. Please provide a letter from your principal of your current school or the superintendent of your school system that recommends you for this additional training and confirms the value of this training to the students.

All four parts of the application should be submitted together. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please clearly label each submitted page with your name. Typed applications are easier for the selection committee to review. All parts of the application should be received by no later than April 1, 2010.

Mail applications to:

Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation Scholarship Program
c/o Oklahoma City Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1146
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Current School System and Position: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

_____ County: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

College or Program for which scholarship will be used: _____

(Attach any specific program description available)

What degree or certification will be received? _____

Have you been accepted for this program? _____

Do you have other financial assistance for this study? _____

If yes, please describe _____

Financial Information for the program:

Tuition and Fees: _____

Books: _____

Equipment: _____

Travel Expense: _____

Room, Board: _____

Other: _____ (describe)

Please attach parts 2, 3 and 4 of the application to this cover sheet.