



2011 PDK Prospective Educator SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PDK CHAPTER APPLICATION

The PDK Educational Foundation annually awards scholarships to prospective educators. This application form is for high school seniors who intend to attend college and major in education and whose application is submitted to the local PDK chapter for consideration. Once completed, this application must be returned by February 1, 2011, to the following PDK chapter representative:

To be completed by PDK Chapter Representative:

PDK Chapter Name Loyola University Chicago PDK Chapter Number # 0186

PDK Chapter Representative's Name Ms. Robbie Jones

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Submit your completed application packet no later than February 1, 2011, to the PDK representative listed above. All applications are reviewed by a chapter screening committee that has until March 1 to forward its top two applications to PDK International for final competition.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- **Essay** – Attach your written response to the essay question on 8 ½ x 11 inch white paper. Limit your response to 500 words or less. The essay must be typed and double spaced. Your full name should appear on each page. The essay question is on page three of this application.
- **Reference Letters** – Two letters of reference are required, and only two will be accepted. One letter must be from a person familiar with your academic abilities and school activities; the second letter may come from a person of your choice. Both letters should address your interest in teaching and the qualities that will make you a successful educator. Your full name should appear in the upper right corner of each letter of recommendation.
- **Transcript** – Request a copy of your high school transcript from your school counselor. Your transcript must include class size, class rank, and grade point average. Faxed transcripts are acceptable.

YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Your essay
- Two reference letters
- Transcript
- This application form
- FAFSA (if required)

Do not send folders, binders, photographs, or other attachments. Make a copy of the completed application for your records.



Please type or print legibly in black ink.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE or PROVINCE
		ZIP OR POSTAL CODE ()
E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	
HIGH SCHOOL NAME		
HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS		

What is your gender? Male Female

Which best describes your race/ethnicity? Select all that apply. (Optional.)

- White, not Latino
- Latino/Hispanic
- African American
- Asian
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify) _____

A copy of your academic transcript must accompany your application. Indicate if the transcript is attached or will be sent separately to the chapter representative.

- Transcript is attached.
- Transcript will be sent separately. (The transcript must be received by February 1, 2011.)

Please complete the following academic information. See your high school counselor if you need assistance.

- _____ GPA (Grade point averages are to be figured on a 4.0 scale.)
- _____ Class size
- _____ Class rank

Once I earn my teaching certificate, I would like to teach the following students. Check only one:

- Preschool/Early Childhood/Prekindergarten students
- Elementary students (Grades K-6)
- Middle School Students (Grades 7-8)
- High School Students (Grades 9-12)
- College Students

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have worked with others in a teaching or learning capacity. Include any education-focused clubs or organizations you belong to. You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have served as a leader. Include any offices you have held in clubs or organizations. These activities could be both in school and outside of school. You can attach a separate sheet with your response.



SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List activities where you have participated in service projects. These activities could be both in school and outside of school. You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

List employment and other significant extracurricular activities not mentioned above. You can attach a separate sheet with your response.

REFERENCES

List the two people you have asked to provide letters of reference. One should be an educator who knows your academic ability, and the other may be a person of your choice. List the name, title, and telephone number or e-mail address for each reference. Attach both letters of reference to this application form and make sure that each letter has your name in the upper right corner.

Name _____ Name _____
Title _____ Title _____
E-mail Address or Phone Number _____ E-mail Address or Phone Number _____

ESSAY QUESTION

Attach your written response to the following essay question. Answer all parts of the question. The essay must be typed, double spaced, and 500 words or less. Your full name should appear on each page of the essay.

Research has shown that there are certain traits and characteristics found in effective teachers. For example, effective teachers are known to:

- Be caring and nurturing, encouraging and warm, and fair and respectful
- Have high levels of efficacy (i.e. the belief that they can make a difference) and self-motivation
- Express enthusiasm and professionalism
- Be task-oriented, yet flexible, tolerant, and democratic
- Overcome stereotypes
- Enjoy and respect people as individuals
- Listen and communicate well
- Have a sense of humor and "with-it-ness" (i.e. the ability to "be in the moment" and able to react appropriately)

Now think about your personal characteristics and traits. Write an essay about yourself and the traits you already possess that will enable you to become an effective teacher. Provide examples of how your traits have been useful in working with others. Now think about the traits you'd like to develop. How will you develop and nurture new effective teacher traits?

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

While most PDK Prospective Educator Scholarships are available to any FEA seniors, Kappan Kids, seniors who have one reference from a good-standing Kappan, PDK undergraduates, or chapter-submitted applicants who intend to major in a field of education, some PDK scholarships have specific eligibility criteria. Please review the list below and check those for which you are eligible. You may check more than one box. **Whether you are eligible for any of the following specific scholarships, your application will still be considered for general Prospective Educator Scholarships.**

- Sandra Joy Crowther Scholarship – Students with demonstrated financial need who are planning to pursue careers in education at any level in any subject. *If this box is checked, you must include a copy of your FAFSA form.*
- Dave Sanders/Columbine High School Endowed Scholarship – Students from the State of Colorado who plan to major in education. Preference given to students from Columbine High School, Littleton, Colorado.
- Gabbard Memorial Scholarship – Preference to students from Ohio or Florida.
- Gough Memorial Scholarship – Students entering college to study journalism or English who will teach.
- Holm Memorial Scholarship – Students from California who are pursuing education careers, with preference to Oakland and Bay Area students.
- J. Arnold Webb Scholarship – Student must enroll in a historically black college or university listed at www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whhbcu/edlite-list.html.
- Jo Ann Ota Fujioka Endowed Scholarship – Students of color pursuing education careers.
- Kersey/Oglesby Family Scholarship – Students preparing to major in elementary education or early childhood education with preference to male students from Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia.
- Petermichel Family Fund – Catholic students with preference to those who are members of any of the following Catholic parishes: St. Patrick's in Cairo, Illinois; Pope Pius X in Chula Vista, California; or St. Vincent's in Bedford, Indiana; or who are students at Bedford North Lawrence High School or Monroe County Community high schools in Indiana.
- Schmalz Family Scholarship – Students with demonstrated financial need who are planning to pursue careers in education at any level in any subject. *If this box is checked, you must include a copy of your FAFSA form.*
- Walling Family Scholarship – Students whose parents are on active duty in or retired from the United States Army and who intend to study music or art and to pursue a career in teaching. Circle parents' current status: Active or Retired. List years of U.S. Army service _____.
- Lucy and John Wood Scholarship – Students from the state of Ohio.