

HEISEY FOUNDATION
TEACHER GRADUATE WORK SCHOLARSHIP
Amended April 6, 2015
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What:

*Twenty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded competitively to PreK-12 school teachers in the Great Falls Public Schools District to help fund work toward a master's degree, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification, academic work supporting Great Falls Public Schools' District Goals, or an Endorsement, including counseling, administration, special education, music, health enhancement, reading, gifted education or any other field related to education.

*Twenty scholarships will be awarded throughout the district, with the intent of awarding support in multiple schools. In the event that one or more schools do not have a qualified applicant, multiple scholarships may be awarded at the same school.

* Teachers who have already completed a master's degree may apply the scholarship to a second master's degree or an advanced degree (Ph.D. or Ed.D.).

*Scholarships may also be used for the purpose of working toward an advanced degree or securing an endorsement in a specific subject area, which is applicable to teaching.

*Scholarships may be utilized to fund the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification process.

*Scholarships may be utilized to support academic work which would directly support the professional in their capacity of supporting district level goals and initiatives.

*Monies will be distributed to the Great Falls Public School Foundation (GFPSF) for the benefit of the teachers that have been awarded the scholarship. GFPSF will distribute the funds directly to the higher educational institution for the benefit of the awarded teacher. GFPSF will provide a receipt and letter indicating funds are restricted to Teacher Graduate Work Scholarships and will provide year-end accounting to the Trustees, prior to October 30th and upon request of the Trustees.

* All monies must be expended within six months of the date the scholarship is awarded.

Who:

* Any teacher presently holding a teaching position in the Great Falls School District and who is committed to signing a contract to teach in the school district for the school year following the scholarship award.

When:

*Applications are available through GFPS Newsbits, or at the GFPS web site.

*Applications are due to the Office of the Superintendent...TBD by District

APPLICATION WILL BE RANKED ON:

* Competency as a teacher as indicated by letters of reference and other information presented to the committee.

* Commitment to the profession as indicated by goals.

* Availability of job vacancies in the field, as well as needs of the district.

Questions:

* Questions can be referred to Stephanie Schnider, Great Falls Public Schools, Executive Director, 268-6021