

**THE MESSIAH COLLEGE
ERNEST L. BOYER TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
2009-2010**

The Boyer Award seeks to recognize an exemplary teacher certification student who has an outstanding record of service and academic achievement; who possesses exemplary personal characteristics and promise; and who exemplifies the highest ethical standards. **This is an add-on award and will be added to, not substituted for, any financial aid the recipient already receives.** In particular, the scholarship is open to all certification students who have the potential to develop the following characteristics that Dr. Boyer believed essential for effective teaching:

- (1) knowledge of the subjects and disciplines to be taught,
- (2) knowledge of children and their growth and development,
- (3) knowledge of how students learn, and
- (4) the personal characteristics of openness and authenticity.

One award of \$3000 will be made to the recipient in the Senior year.

The Application Packet Must Include

1. Application Form – Application forms may be secured from the Education Department, Boyer Hall Room 410.
2. Resume
3. Essays – Responses to two essay questions noted below.

Eligibility Requirements of Applicants

A. Academic Performance:

1. Minimum of 3.60 cumulative GPA
2. **Junior Level** status *at time of application*
3. Admission into the Teacher Education Program
4. Minimum of 45 credits completed at Messiah College

B. Service and Leadership:

1. Membership in professional education organizations, for example MCEA, IRA, NCTM, NAEYC
2. Evidence of participation in community involvement activities, college-related activities, leadership roles, and voluntary service activities.

C. Resume and completed Application Form

1. If received in the electronic form, the application should be printed and completed. Copies may also be secured from the Education Department, Boyer 410.

2. Resume must highlight honors, awards recognitions, college activities, community and service activities, and leadership roles.

D. Essays

1. *Essay One*: Provide a one to two page typed essay on your goals related to teaching and the qualities you hope to develop to bring about those goals.
2. *Essay Two*: Provide a second one to two page essay reflecting on this quotation from Dr. Boyer:

“The Basic School has, as the first requirement, a clear and vital mission. The school is a place where everyone comes together to promote learning. Every classroom is, itself a community. But in the Basic School, the separate classrooms are connected by a sense of purpose, in a climate that is communicative, just, disciplined, and caring, with occasions for celebration.”

- E. Approval of the applicant’s major department and the Teacher Education Committee.

Application Process for Award

1. Announcement of the scholarship will be made annually to the faculty and students, with solicitation for applicants via the Portal, the Messiah College TV network and the Teacher Education Program Home Page.
2. Complete applications are to be submitted to the Education Department Assistant who will forward all applications to the Chair of the Awards Committee. Applications received after 12:00 noon on the last Thursday in February will NOT be considered.
3. The Honors Committee will conduct an interview with the finalists. Written verification of the award will be completed no later than April 30.
4. In the unlikely event that no student meets the qualifications for this award, no award will be given that year.

