

MESSIAH COLLEGE

Terry L. Stoudnour Endowed Education Award

PREFACE

The Terry L. Stoudnour Endowed Education Award seeks to recognize an outstanding teacher certification candidate planning to teach or hold a position of educational leadership. **This is an add-on award and will be added to, not substituted for, any financial aid the recipient already receives.** The award is open to candidates of any Messiah College teacher certification program who demonstrate an exemplary record of leadership, service, ethical standards and academic achievement. One annual \$1,000 award will be distributed during the recipient's senior year.

APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE

- A. Application Form
- B. Resume
- C. Essays

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. Announcement of the award will be made annually to Messiah College faculty and students via the Community News (Portal), the Messiah College TV network, and the Teacher Education Program Home Page.
- B. Completed application packets must be submitted to the Education Department Assistant (Boyer 410) by Noon of the last Thursday of February.
- D. Applicants will be screened, interviewed and evaluated by the Education Department Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will recommend the name of a recipient to the Education Department for approval.
- E. Written verification of the award will be completed no later than May 1.
- F. In the unlikely event that no student meets the qualifications of this award, no award will be given that year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Academic Performance:
 - 1. Minimum of 3.60 GPA
 - 2. Junior Level status *at time of application*
 - 3. Admission to the Teacher Education Program
 - 4. Minimum of 45 credits completed at Messiah College
- B. Service and Leadership:
 - 1. Membership in pertinent professional organizations, for example MCEA, NCSS, NAEYC, NCTM, etc.
 - 2. Evidence of participation in community activities, college-related activities, leadership roles, children-related activities, and voluntary service activities.
- C. Resume and completed Application Form

D. Required Essays:

1. **Essay One:** Provide a one - two page typed essay describing why you want to become a teacher or hold a position of educational leadership. Discuss the specific contributions you hope to make in your professional education position(s).

2. **Essay Two:** Provide a one - two page typed essay responding to one of the following topics:
 - a. The Most Important Qualities of an Outstanding Educator
 - b. The Importance of Continuing Professional Development and How I Plan to Incorporate it Throughout My Career

RETENTION OF THE AWARD

If at any time a recipient falls below the award acceptance standards, the case will be referred to the Education Department for possible withdrawal of the award.

