

**Messiah University**  
**The Ernest L. Boyer Teacher Scholarship Award**

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 during their senior year.

**The Application Packet Must Include**

1. Application Form
2. Resume
3. Essay response to the question 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 University

B. Service and Leadership:

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

C. Resume and completed Application Form

1. Application packets can be submitted electronically to [teacheredprog@messiah.edu](mailto:teacheredprog@messiah.edu).
2. Resume must highlight honors, awards recognitions, university activities, community and service activities, and leadership roles.

D. Essay: Dr. Boyer once summarized the ideals of his Basic School this way:

*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.*

Compose a two to three page essay describing your own ideals and goals for teaching and the qualities you hope to develop to realize them. The winner will read excerpts from the essay at a public awards ceremony.

***\*\*AI policy for scholarship essay: Limited Use of AI***

*Students may utilize artificial intelligence tools as a review of their work only. This means the student creates all content and may only use AI-tools to suggest improvements or corrections in spelling, grammar, phrasing, and mechanics.*

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.
2. Complete applications are to be submitted to the Teacher Education Program Assistant who will forward all applications to the Chair of the Awards Committee. Applications must be submitted by 12:00 noon on the last Thursday in February.
3. The Committee will conduct an interview with the finalists. Written verification of the award will be completed by May 1.
4. In the unlikely event that no student meets the qualifications for this award, no award will be given that year.

**The Ernest L. Boyer, Sr., Teacher Scholarship  
Application**

Name:	Last	First	Middle Initial	Date

Current Address:	Street	City	State, Zip

Permanent Address:	Street	City	State, Zip

Phone Number	Email Address

University Attended	Dates	Degree received or expected

Messiah Certification Program	
Certification Program (only for dual certs)	
Minor	
Concentration	

Other materials required for application:

1. Resume
2. Essays

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