

**Messiah University**  
**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 University teacher certification program who demonstrate an exemplary record of leadership, service, ethical standards, and academic achievement. The \$1,000 award will be divided in half and disbursed evenly in fall and spring during the senior year.

**Application Packet Must Include:**

- Application Form
- Resume
- Essay

**Application Process**

- A. Announcement of the award will be made annually to Messiah University faculty and students.
- B. Completed application packets must be submitted by email – [teacheredprog@messiah.edu](mailto:teacheredprog@messiah.edu) or to Boyer 410 by noon of the last Thursday of February.
- D. Applicants will be evaluated by the Awards Committee made up of representatives from several academic departments.
- 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 University
- B. Service and Leadership:

1. Membership in pertinent professional organizations, for example EAMU, 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 Essay:

Write a two- to three-page essay describing the most important qualities of an outstanding educator and explaining how you hope to realize them in your own professional life. The winning essay will be read by the winner 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.*

### **Retention of the Award**

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

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Application**

Name:	Last	First	Middle Initial	Date

Current Address:	Street	City	State, Zip

Permanent Address:	Street	City	State, Zip

Phone Number	Email Address

Messiah Certification Program(s)	
Minor	
Concentration	

Other materials required for application:

1. Resume
2. Essays

☐ I acknowledge that checking this box electronically serves the same purpose as affixing my original signature to this document.

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