

Noyce Scholarship Application

As a result of a grant from the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, Saint Joseph's University ("SJU") is seeking to increase the number of highly qualified math and science secondary school teachers who work in high need school districts. Collaborating with the School District of Philadelphia, the Noyce Scholarship Project is recruiting current and incoming undergraduate students to the SJU five-year BS/MS programs in mathematics and science secondary education by providing support in the form of educational outreach opportunities for undergraduates in their first two years and tuition scholarships during their fourth and fifth years. In return for these scholarships, recipients contractually commit to teaching in Philadelphia and other high-need public high schools upon graduation. Scholarship recipients are being mentored in their beginning teaching years through the Urban Teacher Collaborative, a program developed at SJU and supported by this grant, which provides monthly workshops for exploring issues specific to teaching math and science in urban high schools. The grant is also supporting a summer program in mathematics and science education that combines a graduate level class for students in the five-year programs, a math and science educational outreach program targeting junior high and high school students in the area and paid summer internships for freshmen and sophomores at SJU to engage in mathematics and science teaching as a strategy to interest them in teaching as a career. The long term goal of the Noyce Project is to graduate more secondary teachers with strong backgrounds in mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics who are committed to teaching underserved students in Philadelphia and the surrounding communities.

NAME:

STUDENT ID #:

MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

E-MAIL:

Academic Year(s) that Scholarship will be used:

Please circle level(s):
(Scholarship Amount)

Senior
\$18,000

5th-Year Graduate
\$15,000

References: Two letters of recommendation are required; at least one should be from a faculty member of Saint Joseph's University. (These may be the same recommendation letters used for application to the 5 year program.) Please ask references to send their recommendation letters by April 15 to Dr. Sandra Fillebrown at the address or email listed below. **Names of references:**

Essay: Please attach a short essay (2-3 pages) describing your interest in the Noyce Scholarship. This essay will become the property of the University upon your submission of it and will be shared and reproduced as needed in connection with the consideration of your application. You might consider the following questions: Why do you want to teach math or science in an urban district? What unique skills will you bring to bear in a city classroom? What will you have to do to prepare for this experience?

Decisions on scholarships will be based on academic merit and the student's interest in and motivation towards teaching in a high-need school district such as The School District of Philadelphia. Consideration will be given to financial need; in addition, minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be chosen based on their demonstrated interest in and motivation towards the goals of the Project.

Submit to: Dr. Sandra Fillebrown
Department of Mathematics
Saint Joseph's University
Philadelphia, PA 19131

or scan and e-mail to:
sandra.fillebrown@sju.edu

Name:

Academic Year of Scholarship:

Recipients of Noyce Scholarships (“Scholarship”) must agree in writing to teach two years of mathematics or science for each year of support received in The School District of Philadelphia or other high-need local educational agency as defined in section 201 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1221). Scholarship recipients are required to undertake affirmative and objectively verifiable steps to apply for available positions meeting these requirements and, if not in the School District of Philadelphia, provide Saint Joseph’s University with proof that their teaching assignment meets the conditions of the Noyce Scholarship award. In addition, scholarship recipients must provide Saint Joseph’s University with current contact information (to be updated as needed by the recipient) and documentation verifying their teaching employment during the pay-back period. In addition, scholarship recipients will participate in the Urban Teacher Collaborative, a support program for teachers in urban schools. By signing below, you indicate your understanding and agreement that should you not fulfill your teaching obligation as required by the terms of the Scholarship, the full Scholarship amount awarded to you will automatically convert to a loan and you will be required to pay back immediately the amount of the Scholarship, pro-rated if appropriate. You also understand and agree that should it be determined that you have misrepresented or withheld any information on which Saint Joseph’s University has relied or would have relied in awarding you the Scholarship, your Scholarship will end and you will be obligated to pay back immediately the full amount of the Scholarship awarded to you, pro-rated if appropriate. .

Signature:

Date:

If you receive a tuition scholarship, you must participate in several assessment activities. In particular, during each year that you are engaged in teaching as part of your payback service, you will be observed in the classroom and you will be required to complete surveys. The classroom observations, similar to those that occur while you student teach, will measure your success in the classroom and the surveys will measure your attitudes towards teaching in general and towards teaching in urban settings in particular.

To secure confidentiality, only statistical summaries will be reported. No individual results will be made public. Your responses will be maintained confidentially and securely in the office of the Principle Investigator for the grant, currently Dr. Sandra Fillebrown, or the Educational Consultant for the grant, currently Dr. Alex Schuh. Please indicate your agreement to participate in these assessment activities as described above by signing below.

Signature:

Date: