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**MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHER INITIATIVE (MSTI) SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

Application Deadline: March 1, 2023

The Math and Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI) Grant has scholarships available for the Spring 2023. The grant will provide 10 scholarships in the amount of \$5000.00 each for teacher candidates enrolled in the Single Subject Credential program in Mathematics or Science. The scholarship recognizes candidates who demonstrate financial need and have attributes of merit, including excellent academic performance, significant personal achievements and community service. All potentially eligible candidates are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must:

1. Be currently enrolled in the Single Subject Credential program in Mathematics or Science at SJSU during the Spring 2023.
2. Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the campus financial aid office.
3. Be in good academic standing (as determined by SJSU Registrar).
4. Demonstrate a belief in the ability of all children to succeed and in the
a. centrality of a teacher's role in this success.
5. Have an interest in working with diverse students, working in urban and/or high need schools, and/or supporting students with special needs.
6. Complete an application (as single pdf), which includes the following:
 - o Application form (with signed commitment);
 - o Personal statement (explaining the need for the scholarship and motivation for wanting to teach mathematics or science, and in particular in a high-need school – two-page maximum, single spaced);
 - o Unofficial transcript(s);
 - o Letter of endorsement indicating why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.

Applications are available through the STEM+C Teacher Institute website. Candidates will submit the completed application to the STEM+C Teacher Institute (stemc-institute@sjsu.edu) by March 1, 2023. The Institute will review the applications to ensure that they meet all requirements (including amount of financial need verified through the campus' financial aid office) and then have a committee determine which applicants will receive the scholarship.

Note: The application form needs to be completely filled out. If there is no information to provide, write "N/A." *Each item* submitted with the application packet (e.g., Personal Statement, Letter of Endorsement) should be clearly labeled and include the applicant's full name (send as single pdf).

**Frequently Asked Questions CSU Residency Scholarship Program
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1. Are AB540 (undocumented) students allowed to apply?

Yes, AB540 students can apply for and receive institutional scholarships. Thus, they can apply for the MSTI Grant Scholarship.

2. Who can write the letter of endorsement?

The “letter of endorsement” can be submitted by anyone who is in an appropriate position to comment on the applicant’s experience with and/or potential for effective teaching in a high-need school (e.g., faculty member, program coordinator, field supervisor, K-12 employee).

3. What is the definition of a “high-need school?”

The basic criterion for defining a high-need school is the following: the school is one with 50 percent or more of the enrolled pupils who are socioeconomically disadvantaged defined, per California State Board of Education policy, as students (1) eligible for free and reduced- price meals, (2) who are migrant, homeless, or foster youth, or (3) where neither of the parents were a high school graduate. These numbers are reported on the California School Dashboard.

4. What if an applicant has less than \$5,000 of unmet financial need?

In this situation, the applicant would receive only the unmet financial need amount.

5. What if a scholarship recipient is not able to find a position in a high-need school following graduation from the residency program?

Anyone receiving a scholarship should try to fulfill the obligation. However, if a recipient is not able to secure such a position, there will not be financial consequences.