

SCHOLARSHIPS IN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

2010

GUIDELINES

The University of Northern Iowa annually awards 4-5 College of Education Scholarships (COES) for outstanding undergraduate students who have a major in the College of Education. These scholarships are not cash awards but are credited against tuition charges and will pay a designated amount for eight semesters provided that the recipient maintains an acceptable level of performance in a program that leads to a baccalaureate degree in the College of Education.

Eligibility for Scholarships

College of Education Scholarships (COES) are for undergraduate students entering UNI as first-year College of Education majors. Formal admission to the University need not precede application for a scholarship, but it is required for the granting of the award.

Eligibility for a COES is not based solely on academic standards. However, past academic records of applicants will be an important consideration. Students who rank in the top 25% of their high school graduating class and who have a composite ACT score of 26 or higher or a total SAT score in the range of 1,070 to 1,100 are encouraged to apply. Financial need is not a requirement of the scholarship.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP, AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING STEPS NO LATER THAN January 31, 2010.

1. Complete the Financial Aid Online Common Scholarship. Submit to the University a completed COES Application Form. (See attached).
2. Arrange to have two letters of recommendation completed and forwarded to the COE Associate Dean by high school teachers/counselors/administrators. These letters may be submitted on the attached form (you may make additional copies as needed) or submit on school letterhead.

The recommendation should mention the applicant's promise as a major in a College of Education program. We are especially interested in comments on the student's leadership and communication skills, ability to work with others, and, if possible, the student's capacity to cope with the unexpected.

3. Give the recommendation forms to your references as soon as possible so they can send the form/letter to us **TO BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2010**. Be sure to check with individuals who are writing recommendations to make sure that they have forwarded the completed forms before the deadline.

In addition to the above, a prospective scholarship winner must:

1. Be prepared to come to campus for an interview on Friday, March 5, 2010, if she/he is selected as one of the finalists.
2. Formally declare her/his intention to seek a baccalaureate degree in a College of Education major.

Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected on the basis of:

1. Academic record in high school—rank in class, GPA, and courses taken.
2. ACT Score (SAT may be substituted).
3. Recommendations from high school personnel.
4. Other data presented through the application form and in the on-campus interview.

Scholarship recipients will be named as soon as possible after the campus interview. Every effort will be made to announce the winners by March 31, 2010. Winners will be expected to accept or reject the scholarship within ten (10) days. If a scholarship is not accepted, it will be awarded to an alternate.

Concurrent Eligibility for Other Scholarships and Financial Assistance

A recipient of a COES may be eligible for financial aid based on need and may accept other scholarships provided they also are not limited to the tuition award only. In order to maximize total financial support, recipients should complete an application for financial aid.

CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

College of Education Scholarships are awarded with the intention of providing assistance for eight semesters. **Continuation of the scholarships in the second, third, and fourth years requires that the recipient maintain an acceptable level of academic performance and make acceptable progress toward a degree in a program in the College of Education.** Final determination concerning the continuation of the scholarship is the responsibility of the COE Scholarship Committee. Any questions should be directed to the Associate Dean, College of Education. Details of these requirements follow. Please read them carefully.

First Two Semesters (0-32 Credit Hours)

1. Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours each semester with a minimum of 30 semester hours for the year. In order to graduate in four years or eight semesters, a student must take more than the minimum of 30 semester hours per year.
2. Earn a grade point average each semester of at least 3.10 on a four-point scale. An A average would be 4.00.
3. Declare a College of Education major. Progress toward a COE degree will be monitored.

Second Year (33-64 Credit Hours)

1. Same as Point 1 for first two semesters.
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 at the end of each semester.
3. Seek formal admission to the teacher education program.
4. Progress toward a College of Education degree will be monitored.

Third Year (65-96 Credit Hours)

1. Same as point 1 for first and second years.
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 at the completion of each semester.
3. Apply for approval to student teach during the fourth year.
4. Progress toward a College of Education degree will be monitored.

Fourth Year (97-130 Credit Hours)

1. Same as Point 1 for the first, second, and third years.

Additional Guidelines for Continuation

1. When a COES student fails to meet an hours-of-credit standard or grade point average standard, the student will be given the following semester to bring cumulative performance to required levels.
2. Continuation of COES awards is contingent on available funding.
3. A COES student must retain a COE major for the eight semesters he/she is enrolled. Class schedules must demonstrate pursuit of a degree from the College of Education.

**APPLICATION FORM
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

Submit the completed Application Form to the College of Education Scholarship Committee NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2010.

A. Name _____ High School _____
Home Address _____ School Address _____
City _____ IOWA _____ City _____ IOWA _____
Home Phone Number (____) _____ Zip _____ School Phone Number (____) _____
FAX Number _____ Social Security Number _____
Name of Parents/Guardians _____

B. What College of Education major do you plan to take?

C. In which extra-/co-curricular activities (sports, clubs, classes) have you participated during high school?
(Use additional page, if necessary.)

D. What honors or awards have you earned?

E. Add any additional information you think might be of interest?

F. Provide the names and schools of teachers/counselors/administrators who have been asked to submit recommendations. (At least two are required, but additional references may be listed on an additional sheet.)
1. Name _____ 2. Name _____
Position _____ Position _____
School _____ School _____

G. To help us process your application, please check all of the following that apply:
1. _____ I have been admitted to UNI.
2. _____ I have submitted an application for admission to UNI.
3. _____ I have requested my high school to submit a transcript to Associate Dean – College of Education.
4. _____ My ACT (or SAT) scores have been sent to the COE Associate Dean.
5. _____ My class rank and grade point average have been sent to the COE Associate Dean.
6. _____ I can come to the campus for an interview on Friday, March 5, if I am a finalist.
7. _____ I have submitted an application for assistance based on financial need (not a criterion for the scholarship).

H. On the reverse side of this form write a short essay on the subject, “Why I Plan to Teach.”

MAIL TO: COE Scholarship Committee, c/o Associate Dean, 159A Schindler Education Center, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614-0615. Fax number (319) 273-6997

**SHORT ESSAY FORM
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
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**IN TWO OR THREE PARAGRAPHS DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:
“WHY I PLAN TO TAKE A COLLEGE OF EDUCATION MAJOR.”**

Your Name:

(Please Print)

(Signature)

RECOMMENDATION FORM
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

TO THE APPLICANT: Give this form to a teacher, counselor, or administrator who knows you well and who is willing to complete it on your behalf. Print your name and address below:

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone Number (____) _____



TO THE TEACHER/COUNSELOR/ADMINISTRATOR: The above-named student is an applicant for a College of Education Scholarship at the University of Northern Iowa. This is a major scholarship which will provide support for four years, dependent upon continuous acceptable performance and available funding. Your assistance in providing information that will enable us to learn more about the applicant is appreciated. **(NOTE: THIS STUDENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP WITHOUT THIS RECOMMENDATION. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN PROMPTLY.)**

Please mention the applicant's promise as a UNI student. We would be especially interested in your comments on the student's communication skills, ability to work with other, and if possible, the student's capacity to cope with the unexpected. (Use additional pages if necessary.)

From what viewpoint are you writing the recommendation (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc.)?

MAIL SO THAT THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES THIS FORM NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2010.

College of Education Scholarship Committee
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(Signature)

(Name – Please Print)

(Position)

(School)