

NSSEA Education Excellence Foundation

2006 BE YOUR BEST! GUIDELINES

Overview:

The Education Excellence Foundation of the National School Supply and Equipment Association is pleased to offer the Be Your Best! Teacher Scholarship Program aimed at boosting professional development opportunities for teachers. Scholarships will be awarded to teachers attending training activities. Up to 20 scholarships of \$500 each are awarded annually.

Applications & Deadline:

- Applications will only be distributed by NSSEA member companies, and must be submitted with an NSSEA members' company name to be considered for the scholarship.
- The deadline for applying for a scholarship is **March 31, 2006**.

Guidelines & Criteria:

- Applicants must be full-time teachers of children in preschool through Grade 12 or individuals seeking certification. Daycare providers not affiliated with a preschool are not eligible.
 - 1) scholarships cannot be used for workshops that have already taken place
 - 2) workshops should be in the continental U.S. with a preference for local events when available;
 - 3) application should detail how the area of teaching will be impacted. Preference will be given to teachers who will share the information with others from their school, and whose supervisors share the impact of the proposed workshop on the school.
- Applications must be typed.
- Scholarship awards must be used to defray the cost of professional development activities such as conferences and workshops as well as travel expenses associated with such opportunities. The award may also be used by individuals seeking certification toward a teaching license approved by the United States Department of Education.
- Nominees/applicants must demonstrate that the professional development opportunities will help improve their classroom skills.
- **Each nominee/applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from either the principal or district-level administrator. The letter must arrive by March 31, 2006.**
- Each nominee/applicant must submit a document listing the date, place, and sponsoring organization of the professional development opportunity. Such a document could be a conference brochure, seminar application or certification information.
- Each scholarship winner will be asked to submit a brief follow-up report to the Foundation describing how he or she used the scholarship along with copies of receipts.

Selection Process:

- Scholarship applications will be screened by Foundation staff and selected by a subcommittee of the Foundation Steering Committee.
- Scholarship awards will be announced in April/May 2006. The award must be used during the 2006-2007 school years.



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2006 BE YOUR BEST! APPLICATION**

Deadline: March 31, 2006

Name: _____

School: _____ Grade/Course Taught: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Home Address: _____

Please share with us how you feel you can benefit from the \$500 scholarship (attach an extra page if necessary, but limit your response to one page, double spaced):

Please list the activity (i.e. certification, conference, seminar) toward which you would apply the scholarship. Please include a copy of the registration information. A letter of recommendation from either the principal or district-level administrator must be received by March 31, 2006.

Professional Development Activity	Site/Location	Dates
_____	_____	_____

PLEASE NOTE: Applications must be distributed through NSSEA members.

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(NSSEA Member Company Name, City & State) PLEASE USE STAMP IF AVAILABLE. (Phone #)

Scholarship winners will be announced in April/May 2006. The award must be used during the 2006-2007 school year. Winners will be asked to provide follow-up reports and copies of receipts to the Foundation describing how they used their scholarships.

Return Application to: Lori Thomas, NSSEA Education Excellence Foundation, 8380 Colesville Road, Suite 250, Silver Spring, MD 20910. All Questions can be answered at: phone: 301-495-0240 or e-mail: lthomas@nssea.org