

Aide to Teacher Scholarship Application

Please consider applying online in lieu of a paper application at www.aaeeff.org – Select Apply Now from toolbar at top and then Aide to Teacher.

The Abilene Education Foundation is pleased to offer up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds to teacher aides currently employed by Abilene ISD working on becoming a certified teacher. *These funds are only available to students participating in the Teacher Aide to Certified Teacher - McMurry University program.* McMurry has established a formal partnership with Abilene ISD to offer aides a special tuition rate, courses at times outside regular school hours, and the option for a clinical teaching or paid internship with a bachelor's degree upon graduation. Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for standard Texas teaching certificate. Applicants who have not yet enrolled, but are interested may contact Admissions at admissions@mcm.edu. Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in courses before funds will be dispersed, and proof will be required.

Anticipated number of hours completed as of er	nd of fall 2018:	
Anticipated Graduation Date:		
Please mail or attach you most recent transcript(s) from McMurry or any other university where you earned college credit.		
Abilene ISD Information:		
Current AISD Campus and Position:		
AISD Employee Number:		
Number of years with AISD:		
Total number of years as an aide or in education:		
Earliest possible date you could begin teaching in AISD?		
Do you work more than one job?	ES	NO
If yes, please describe your second/third job and hours per week:		

Essay and Letters of Recommendation:

Please answer the following question in 500 words or less and attach with application (typed):

Why you want to be an educator in AISD? How can a scholarship help you reach your dream of being a teacher and working with children?

Please send two letters of recommendation from:

- 1. AISD or campus supervisor, OR campus principal, OR a supervising teacher
- 2. AND a McMurry professor or advisor
- 3. If you have not taken a class yet at McMurry you may use two letters from #1 (i.e. one letter from your principal and one from a supervising teacher).

Please ask recommenders to mail their letters on official letterhead to:

Abilene Education Foundation ATTN: Aide to Teacher Program P.O. Box 1999 Abilene, TX 79604

If in AISD, may send via interoffice mail (pony) to One AISD Center/AEF/#306.

Additional Information:

Complete applications must be postmarked by <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 28th</u> and may be mailed to the address noted above or you may apply online. One AISD building is closed for winter break December 22nd and reopens on January 7th. Scholarship winners will be notified by January 11th. Once proof of enrollment is delivered by the student then the funds will be dispersed to McMurry and applied to the student's account.

Questions? Contact Christine Curtis-Carr at christine.curtis-carr@abileneisd.org or 325-677-1444 ext. 2616.