



-College of Education-

**Black Belt Teacher Corps
Teach for Alabama
Scholarship Application**

Return applications to the College of Education:

Susan Hester, Director

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Please submit the following to be considered:

1. Completed application form (please type).
2. One page double-spaced written statement. Discuss your future educational goals and how you plan to use the scholarship money.
3. Two recommendations.
4. Submit your complete scholarship application, including all recommendations, and an unofficial transcript via email to shester@uwa.edu.

Eligibility Criteria:

Completed application form submitted.
Passing Praxis Core scores submitted to UWA.
Classification as a Junior or Senior in EPP in a certification degree program.
Enrolled in an Alt. A degree program leading to teacher certification.
2.75 or higher grade point average (GPA).
Demonstrate financial need.
Never defaulted on a loan or scholarship award.
Initial certification that leads to teacher certification/licensure.

Scholarship Timeline

Completed applications sent to Susan Hester, Director shester@uwa.edu
GPA review.
Scholarship application reviewed by committee.
Scholarship recipient notified via email.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:	Student ID #:
Campus address:	Permanent address:
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:
Email address:	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	

If I am accepted as a Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Scholarship recipient, I understand I will receive a \$2,500.00 stipend each semester of full time enrollment (up to a maximum of \$10,000.00) for my four semesters at the Junior or Senior or Alt.-A level within the UWA College of Education. I understand this scholarship is awarded to me based upon my commitment to be certified to teach in an Alabama Black Belt region public school, a designated Alabama rural public school, or a designated high-needs Alabama public school for my contracted years of service, the completion of a Black Belt Teach for Alabama school-based Service Project, and the attendance of Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama trainings and events. I understand I will be required to sign a Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Contract Agreement and failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program. If I am accepted as a Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Scholarship recipient and change my mind to complete the Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama requirements, I understand I will be required to repay any scholarship monies received within a thirty-six (36) month period.

Service Commitment

I understand I will be required to show documentation of my years of teaching service to the UWA College of Education and the Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Director and Coordinator. There will be a sliding scale of the service teaching time required based upon the amount of scholarship awarded. Interns receiving one semester of scholarship funding (\$2,500.00) must commit to teach for one (1) full calendar year within twelve (12) months of certification and receive ALSDE certification within six (6) months of the originally expected graduation date. Seniors receiving two semesters of scholarship funding (\$5,000.00) must commit to teach for at least two (2) full calendar years within twelve (12) months of certification and receive ALSDE certification within six (6) months of the originally expected graduation date. Those receiving three (3) or four (4) semesters of scholarship funding (up to \$10,000.00) must commit to all of the same stipulations, but the commitment to teach is for at least three (3) years. Full scholarship recipients (\$10,000.00) will also complete an Alabama public school/community service project (\$1,000 granted to use as start-up money).

Leadership and Professional Training

I understand I will participate in local, state, and national workshops and conferences.
Black Belt Teach for Alabama School Service Project

Alabama Public School/Community Service Project

I understand I may be required to complete a School Service Project in an Alabama Black Belt region public school, a designated Alabama rural public school, or a designated high-needs Alabama public school. This Service Project will take place during my clinical/field experiences or clinical practice/internship. I will be given \$1,000 as a start-up fund for this project from the Alabama Legislature. I agree to communicate with the Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Director, Coordinator, school Principal, district Superintendent, and UWA faculty to ensure the completion of this Service Project.

I have read the above requirements and I agree to implement these requirements if selected.

Applicant Name _____

Date _____

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Current year (circle one): Junior Senior

Current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

List and briefly describe volunteer activities in which you have been involved:

Organization	Activity or Involvement	Dates & Year of Involvement

Please write a brief description of your activities and how you participated:

SECTION 3 – OTHER QUESTIONS (type and attach if necessary)

1. How will your experience in the Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Scholarship Program impact your future career path?

2. Why is your experience in the Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama Scholarship Program important to you?

3. Is there any other information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application.

- I verify that the information included on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- If awarded the Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama scholarship, I agree to participate in leadership and service activities and be willing to teach in a school located in a designated area for the time specified in my contractual agreement. Failure to meet this requirement results in repayment of scholarship monies within thirty-six (36) months.
- I give my permission for UWA to process this application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____