North Carolina Central University

H.M. Michaux, Jr. School of Education
College of Science and Technology

Burroughs Wellcome Fund
Scholarship Application Packet
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Due to the chronic shortage of teachers, particularly in the areas of mathematics and science, The Burroughs Wellcome Fund has awarded the University of North Carolina system a grant to increase the number of mathematics and science teachers in North Carolina. North Carolina Central University is one of four UNC system campuses participating in this scholarship program.

Here is some information you need to know before you complete the application attached (including two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes).

Who can apply?

You must be a resident of North Carolina and a US citizen to apply. Also, you may apply for this scholarship in the spring of your sophomore year or in your junior or senior year. Scholarships are awarded for up to the last two years of school. You must be eligible for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

What does this scholarship offer?

- $6,500 annual scholarships
- Monthly professional development seminars
- A full-time classroom internship with intensive mentoring
- Support in transitioning into the classroom as a beginning teacher
- $5,000 salary supplement for each year, up to 5 years

What obligations do I have if awarded this scholarship?

- Complete a FASFA form each year that a scholarship is awarded.
- Maintain a high level of performance in courses, labs, field experiences, and the student teaching internship (minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA).
- Attend all scheduled professional development seminars.
- Although continuing to teach mathematics or science is an option, for each year of the scholarship award, the recipient must teach a year. Therefore, a junior who is awarded the scholarship for both the junior and senior years would be expected to teach at least 2 years.
Teacher Education Program
Admission Requirements

Candidates must have
- Earned a 2.5 grade point average or greater
- Earned grades of C or better in ENG 1110, 1210, and 1250 (or equivalent transfer courses)
- Completed the General Education Curriculum (GEC)
- Passed Praxis I or one of the alternatives listed below.

Testing Alternatives

Praxis I (Minimum Scores)
- Reading 176
- Writing 173
- Math 173

Praxis I Combined Score
- Reading/Writing/Math 522 Counts as Passing for Praxis I

SAT Equivalents
- Math + Verbal 1100 Exempt - all parts of Praxis I
- Math 550 Exempt - Praxis I Math
- Verbal 550 Exempt - Praxis I Reading, Writing

ACT Composite
- Math 24 Exempt - all parts of Praxis I
- Verbal 24 Exempt - Praxis I Reading, Writing

Documentation of official scores required.
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Only US Citizens who are legal residents of North Carolina are eligible to apply.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name ____________________________________________  □ Male  □ Female
First  Middle  Last

Birth Date ___/___/___  NCCU E-mail Address ____________________________

Permanent Address ___________________________________________________________
 Street/Box  City, State, Zip Code  County

Local Address ________________________________________________________________
 Street/Box  City, State, Zip Code  County

Permanent Telephone Number (___)________________________

Current, Local Telephone Number (___)________________________

CURRENT STATUS
Classification □ Sophomore  □ Junior  □ Senior  Cumulative GPA ______

Completed all GEC courses with a grade of “C” or better? __________________
If no, explain on a separate piece of paper (typed or word processed).

Test Scores: SAT, ACT, or Praxis I (provide a copy)
 □ SAT
  Verbal  Math  Total (Verbal + Math)

 □ ACT
  Verbal  Math  Composite

 □ Praxis I
  Reading  Math  Writing  Combined Score

LEGAL RESIDENCY
By my signature, I, the applicant, affirm that I qualify as a legal resident, for purpose of domicile (e.g., own property, registered to vote, pay state income taxes, etc.) in the state of North Carolina (General Statutes 116.11 (7) and 116-144) and I am a U.S. Citizen.

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signature
TELL US WHY YOU WANT TO TEACH MATHEMATICS OR SCIENCE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL AND WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER TO THE PROFESSION AND THE STUDENTS YOU WILL TEACH. (Use only the space provided.)
TELL US WHY YOU THINK YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO TEACHING. (Use only the space provided.)
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Recommendation Form

A. To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant’s Name ______________________________________ Date: ____________

I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in confidence by officials at North Carolina Central University, and I hereby waive any rights I may have to examine it. □ Yes □ No

Applicant’s Signature: ______________________________________

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B. To be completed by the recommender:

1. Please provide information about how long and in what capacity have you known the candidate. Please give your honest assessment of this candidate’s content knowledge and skills, as well as the candidate’s likelihood of success in working with high school age students in public schools. Note any outstanding characteristics that will help us in making a decision about whether or not this candidate should receive this scholarship. *(You can write the recommendation on this page or on your own stationary. Be sure to sign any attached pages.)*

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Additional Comments (if needed):

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Signature ___________________________ (please print last name) ___________________________ date _________________

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Have you been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? □ Yes □ No

Have you entered a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, a plea of nolo contendere, or an Alford plea to a criminal charge? □ Yes □ No

Have you otherwise accepted responsibility for the commission of a crime? □ Yes □ No

Are there such criminal charges pending against you at this time? □ Yes □ No

Have you ever been dismissed, suspended, or placed on probation by any school? □ Yes □ No

If the answer to any of the five questions immediately above is “yes,” explain the circumstance below or on a separate sheet. Please print your name, social security number, and sign and date this sheet, as well as any separate sheets. Attach related, official documentation of any offences and legal outcomes.

______
Printed name

______
Social security #

______
Signature

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Date
Application Deadline is April 1

All applicants must:

- Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater
- Must be eligible for admission to the Teacher Education Program
- Submit two letters of recommendation from an advisor, instructor, program coordinator, or department chair in a sealed envelope
- Submit a FAFSA through the Office of Scholarship and Student Aid

Return completed application to:

Project Coordinator
Burroughs Wellcome Scholarship
School of Education
712 Cecil Street, Room 2082
Durham, NC 27707

For more information please call 919-530-7292 or email Donald Barringer at dbarringer@nccu.edu or 919-530-6394 or email Joyce Murphy at jmurohy@nccu.edu.