

The National Science Foundation Noyce Scholarship for Math or Science Teacher Candidates

To help ease an impending shortage of highly qualified high school math and science teachers in the Quad Cities region, St. Ambrose has partnered with local school districts to provide scholarships and resources in the classroom to students pursuing secondary education degrees in science or math.

Qualifying teacher candidates may receive \$7,500–\$10,000 per academic year from the National Science Foundation-funded Robert Noyce Scholarship Program starting the Spring 2007 semester. After graduating, Noyce awardees commit to teaching in a high-need local school for up to four years, where they receive ongoing educational, mentoring and content support in the classroom.

Who should consider applying

- Current St. Ambrose education majors
- Current St. Ambrose students majoring in biology, chemistry, math or physics who are considering teaching at the secondary level
- Current community college students looking to pursue their bachelor's degree in secondary education, or in biology, chemistry, math or physics and are interested in teaching at the secondary level
- Professionals who already hold bachelor's degrees in math or science and are considering changing careers to secondary education
- Special consideration will be given to individuals with high financial need, as well as to women and minorities

Application deadline for Spring 2008 awards is Nov. 15, 2007. Application deadline for Fall 2008 awards is May 1, 2008.

Qualifications for awards

To qualify for an NSF Noyce award, you'll need:

- acceptance into the SAU Teacher Education Program
- junior-level status
- enrollment in EDUC 205 or EDUC 207 or higher
- to maintain a cumulative St. Ambrose GPA of 2.75 or higher
- to have and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in your major and in education courses
- a declared major of Math, Biology, Chemistry or Physics
- to have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- demonstrated financial need based on federal standards
- completion of the scholarship application form
- an essay describing the field in which you are interested and why you are interested in teaching
- to meet U.S. citizenship requirements

To remain qualified until graduation, students must maintain full-time status, make progress toward their math or science secondary education degree, and continue enrollment in the SAU Teacher Education Program. Upon graduation, scholarship awardees must commit to teaching within four local school districts for five years.

The Teacher Education Program at St. Ambrose

The St. Ambrose Teacher Education Program (TEP) has received statewide recognition for the quality of its programs and graduates. Majors enjoy a low student-teacher ratio and are assigned faculty mentors to help guide them throughout their education in the teaching field(s) they choose. TEP graduates qualify for Illinois certification after passing Illinois tests and getting Iowa licensure.

As departments within an independent, diocesan, Catholic institution of higher learning committed to professional preparation within a strong liberal arts tradition, it is the mission of the St. Ambrose Teacher Education Program to prepare teachers who are professionally ethical, possess the knowledge and skills in current educational theory and practice needed to serve all learners in diverse current educational environments, and possess the general skills needed to adapt to and create the learning environments of the future.

For more information

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