



ACTM

Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Academic Scholarships in Elementary Education

The Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Elementary Education Scholarship was established to provide financial support to undergraduate students in Elementary Education who will be teaching foundational mathematics in the elementary grades (Pk-6 or K-6). Each year up to two scholarships will be awarded for the maximum amount of **\$1000.00** (*contingent upon available funding each year*).

To be eligible, a student must:

1. Be enrolled in an accredited university or college in Alabama during Fall semester or Spring semester in which they wish to receive their scholarship.
2. Have junior or senior status as of the Fall semester with graduation anticipate December of the year applying or later and be working on his/her initial teacher certification.
3. Be an elementary education major who has completed at least one elementary mathematics content (math prefixed course) with the letter grade of A before applying for the scholarship and is seeking initial Alabama teacher licensure in the elementary grades Pk-6 or K-6 in a state-approved Teacher Education Program.
4. Have a total overall GPA of at least 3.5 from all colleges attended (based on 4.0).
5. Submit the following:
 - a. A completed current ACTM scholarship **application form** (download from ACTM website: <http://actm.education>) **and resume**.
 - b. **Transcripts** from all colleges attended (these may be student unofficial copies/printouts, or a photo copy of an official transcript). Please include transcript data that includes all coursework through the summer term in the year of application.
 - c. **Verification** of major and status as a junior or senior.
 - d. **Letters of recommendation** from two teaching professionals which should include your major advisor or mathematics methods course instructor in your teacher education program addressing your academic ability and likelihood of teacher education program completion. The other letter may be from a mathematics teacher from your high school or a college professor from a mathematics or mathematics education course you have completed or are currently enrolled. These letters must state the capacity in which the writer knew or knows the applicant and address the applicant's potential as a mathematics teacher. **Each letter of recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the flap.**
 - e. A 200-300 word **essay** on the importance of mathematics in elementary teaching, and what the applicant sees as her/his role as a mathematics educator. This essay should be based on best practices according to state and national organizations.
 - f. A **flash drive** containing a 4-5 minute video which shows the applicant interacting mathematically with children within a classroom or volunteer setting.

The completed application forms must be received in one mailing and must be post marked by **October 1 each year**. The recipients of the Fall or Spring scholarship awards will be announced during the ACTM Fall Forum each year. Awards will be mailed to recipients after the conference.

Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Academic Elementary Education Scholarship Application

Application Packet

To apply, you must have junior or senior status with a graduation date of December or later and be enrolled at an accredited university or college in Alabama. You must have a GPA of 3.5 (4.0 scale) or better from all colleges attended and be an elementary education major seeking initial teaching licensure for grades Pk-6 or K-6. You must have completed at least one elementary mathematics content course with the letter grade of A before applying.

You must return the application form in the same envelope with the following:

___ **transcripts** from all colleges attended (may be official or student copy). Please include a copy of your transcripts through summer of the year applying.

___ **letters of recommendation** from two mathematics teachers, including your major advisor or mathematics methods instructor in your teacher education program, a mathematics teacher from your high school, or a college professor from a mathematics or mathematics education course you have completed or are currently enrolled. **Each letter of recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the flap.**

___ a 200-300 word **essay** on the importance of mathematics in elementary grades teaching, and what the applicant sees as her/his role as a mathematics educator. This essay should be based on best practices according to state and national organizations.

___ a **flash drive** containing a 4-5 minute video showing the applicant interacting mathematically with children within a classroom or volunteer setting.

___ **verification** of the above designated status and major and scores (e.g. letter from advisor, copy of registration materials, etc.)

Complete application must be postmarked by **October 1 in the year of the application.**

Send application packet to:

Sandy McCarthy
Attn: ACTM Scholarship
1725 Eastwyck Circle
Birmingham, AL 35215

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APPLICANT ESSAY

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper or the fillable PDF, please type a 200-300 word essay. Describe why you wish to teach mathematics and what you see as your contribution to the mathematics education field.

Attach the essay to this form if you use a separate sheet of paper.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Name: _____

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, preferably school letterhead, please type a letter of recommendation for the applicant named above. Include how long and under what circumstances you have known the applicant. Please comment on the person's potential as a mathematics teacher in grades Pk-6 or K-6. Place the recommendation in an envelope with this form, **seal the envelope and sign your name across the flap.**

Return the sealed recommendation to the applicant. Applications must be postmarked by October 1 in the year of application.

Your Name/Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____