



ACTM Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Academic Scholarships in Mathematics Education

The Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics will be presenting scholarships to students in Mathematics Education for the Fall or Spring semesters who are preparing to teach mathematics in grades 6-12.

Applications must be postmarked by October 1 each year. There will be up to *five* scholarships of a maximum of **\$1000.00** each to help defray educational expenses of the recipients (*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 anticipated December of the year applying or later and be working on his/her initial teacher certification.
3. Be classified junior or senior in an Alabama accredited university/college in a state-approved Teacher Education Program leading to initial licensure in grades 6-12 or 5-8 mathematics subject specifically.
4. Have a total overall GPA of at least 3.0 from all colleges attended (based on 4.0).
5. Submit the following:
 - a. A completed current ACTM scholarship **application form** (download from ACTM website: www.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 professionals which should include your major advisor 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** which must include: why the student wishes to teach mathematics, what the applicant sees as her/his contribution to the profession, and the applicants teaching philosophy.
 - 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 Mathematics 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 3.0 (4.0 scale) or better from all colleges attended and be either a mathematics major with an education minor, a mathematics education major, or an education major with an official mathematics emphasis, seeking initial teaching licensure for grades 6-12 or 5-8 mathematics (subject specific).

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 from high school or college, at least one of which must be from a college/university mathematics or education teacher. **Each letter of recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the flap.**

___ a 200-300 word **essay** which must include: why the student wishes to teach mathematics, what the applicant sees as her/his contribution to the profession and the applicant's teaching philosophy. This essay should be based on best practices according to state and national organizations.

___ a **flash drive** containing a 4-5 minute video which shows the applicant interacting with his/her students within a classroom or volunteer setting.

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

Complete application must be postmarked by **October 1 in the year of 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** which must include: why the student wishes to teach mathematics, what the applicant sees as her/his contribution to the profession, and the applicant's teaching philosophy. 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. **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: _____