



ACTM Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Academic Scholarships in Mathematics Education or Elementary Education

The Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics will be presenting scholarships to *undergraduate* students in Mathematics Education or Elementary for the Fall or Spring semesters who are preparing to teach mathematics in grades 6-12 or teaching foundational mathematics in the elementary grades (PK-6 or K-6). Middle grades certification students in mathematics may apply as well.

Applications must be submitted by October 1 or March 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. Be classified as a 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 4-8 or 5-8 mathematics subject or PK-6 or K-6 in elementary education..
3. Have a total overall GPA of at least 3.0 from all colleges attended (based on 4.0) for mathematics subject specific certification students or 3.5 for elementary education students.
4. Submit the following:
 - a. A completed current ACTM scholarship **application form** submitted via the online application Portal found here: <https://acotom.wildapricot.org/page-1566765>. Each application will include:
 - i. 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. This will be uploaded as a single file at the link in (a) above.
 - ii. **Transcripts** from all colleges attended (these may be student unofficial copies/printouts, or a photocopy of an official transcript). Please include transcript data that includes all coursework through the most recently completed term/semester in the year of application. This will be uploaded as a single file at the link in (a) above.
 - iii. **Verification** of major and status as a junior or senior when completing the application at (a) above.
 - b. **Professional Recommendations** from at least two, but no more than three *professionals* which should include your major advisor in your Teacher Education Program addressing your academic ability and likelihood of teacher education program successful completion. The second letter may be from a former teacher of mathematics in K-12 or a college professor/instructor from a mathematics or mathematics education course you have completed or are currently enrolled. These recommendations must state the capacity in which the recommender knew or knows the applicant and address the applicant's potential as a future teacher of mathematics. If applicant's elect to submit a third recommendation, it should be from a professional educator in some capacity. **Each recommendation can be submitted here:** <https://acotom.wildapricot.org/page-1566765>

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