

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
PUBLIC EDUCATION at the SECONDARY LEVEL

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Description

The **Dean's Scholarship for an Outstanding Teacher in a High Needs Area** provides up to \$10,000 in tuition remission to an MAT student with outstanding potential for a strong commitment to teaching in an identified "high needs" area, generally defined as one or a combination of the following: *high poverty school, physics, chemistry or biology*.

Eligibility

Applications will be considered only from students who have applied to the MAT in **Secondary** education. The scholarship committee will make award determinations if and when the candidate has been offered admission to the program.

Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to a limited number of applicants.

The Scholarship Committee will seek evidence of the qualities specified in the description above.

Additional criteria include:

- Commitment to underserved children and youth.
- Seriousness of purpose.
- Excellent record and/or demonstrated potential in the subject matter.
- Intent to obtain, on completion of the MAT program, a public school teaching post, in the identified high needs area, with the further intention of teaching in the same or similar context for five or more years.

Recipients of Dean's scholarships are ordinarily not eligible for other scholarship assistance from Brandeis University.

*Please note: Candidates should apply for the **Dean's Scholarship** or the **Brandeis Public Educator Scholarship**, not both.*

Instructions

1. Fill out cover page with applicant information.
2. Choose one essay (date it and initial it; do not put your name on it.) Attach it as a separate document.
3. Please be sure to attach your resume.

Send to mat@brandeis.edu (electronic submission preferred - fill out form, print, sign, scan as "pdf"). If you cannot scan, save and submit it as MS Word document without signature.

For questions or help in filling out the application, please contact mat@brandeis.edu or call 781.736.2022.

Applicant Information

Please provide the information requested below:

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Anticipated date of matriculation into the MAT program: _____

Where do you hope to teach, upon completion of the program? _____

Which concentration of the MAT – Secondary have you applied to: biology physics chemistry math history English _____

Have you applied for other scholarship assistance (grants or loans)? Yes No _____

If "yes", please list: _____

If "no", please explain: _____

Have you been awarded other financial aid, scholarships, or loans? Yes No _____

If "yes", please list:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Signature

Date

4. Personal Essay

Choose one of the following questions; your response should be 3 - 5 pages (double spaced, 11 - 12 point font).

1. Does public education need improvement, in your view? Explain what you mean and why you have come to think the way you do. Do you know or imagine that there are other people who do not see the need for the improvement that you believe is needed? If so, why might their perspective differ from yours? How might you persuade them to adopt your perspective?

OR

2. Describe an important experience you have had as a public school student (or as a parent of a public school student, or as a citizen interested in public schools). What was important about this experience? How does it affect the way you think about public education? How might it influence the kind of teacher you become?

OR

3. What is your perception of strengths and/or weaknesses in how your subject area is generally taught to underserved youth? What is this perception based on (i.e. first hand experience, reading or study, etc.)? What are some factors accounting for the sort of teaching that you understand to be typical or frequent? How do these understandings influence your vision of teaching?

5. Professional Aspirations

Do you know the city, town, state or region in which you hope to teach, once you have obtained your license? If so, where and why? (You may be brief.)

Thank you for your application. Scholarship applications are considered on a rolling basis. You should receive notification within two – four weeks of submission.