

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

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Description

The **Brandeis Public Educator Scholarship** provides up to \$10,000 in tuition support to an MAT student with outstanding potential to contribute to the improvement of public education through an active and creative life as a teacher in the public sector.

Eligibility

Applications will be considered only from students who have applied to the MAT in Public Education at the Elementary level. 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 children and youth.
- Seriousness of purpose.
- Intent to obtain, on completion of the MAT program, a public school teaching post, with the further intention of teaching in public schools for five or more years.

Recipients of Public Educator scholarships are ordinarily not eligible for other scholarship assistance from Brandeis University.

*Please note: Candidates should apply for the **Kohl '55 Fellowship** 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.)
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: _____

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. What is "the social mission of public education," as you understand it? Why is this mission important to you personally?

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. 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?

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.