



GREATER TEXAS FOUNDATION

Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program

for the year 2008

Call for Grant Proposals

I. Background

Since 2003, Greater Texas Foundation has provided more than \$3.6 million in scholarship grants to post-secondary institutions in the state of Texas. Providing need based aid remains a significant interest of the foundation. Additionally, the foundation recognizes the critical need to bolster our nation's math and science education performance and believes it can best contribute to this effort by investing in individual teachers. Merging its commitment to remove barriers to education and improve math and science education, Greater Texas Foundation announces the *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program*. In 2008, Greater Texas Foundation will provide selected institutions of higher education grant awards totaling \$1,400,000 in need based aid in 2008. Proposals will be considered for cash, endowed, or combination cash and endowed programs.

II. Statement of Purpose

Greater Texas Foundation believes highly qualified teachers are key to improving math and science education. The purpose of the *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* is to increase the number of highly qualified math and science teachers in Texas schools with deep subject area content knowledge.

III. Eligibility

The *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* is open to each public and private four-year post-secondary institution of higher education in the state of Texas. This program is in effect for 2008 only. Proposals are due May 15, 2008.

IV. Funding Priorities

The foundation will give greater consideration to *innovative proposals* that demonstrate strategic use of funds to encourage and support students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) areas to complete institutional and state certification requirements to become highly qualified math and/or science teachers in the state of Texas and that demonstrate how the program will be sustained through contributions from other sources.

V. Application Procedures

All grant proposals must be submitted online at www.greatertexasfoundation.org. Directions on how to submit your application can be found in the RFP Information section. Questions regarding the scholarship program or the online application procedure should be directed to:

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V. Application Procedures (Continued)

The foundation requires applicants to submit no more than a 5-7 page proposal that includes the following:

- A. An overview of the institution's past successes in encouraging and supporting students majoring in STEM areas to complete requirements to become highly qualified math and science teachers.
- B. An explanation of the institution's current programs to provide support for students majoring in STEM areas to complete requirements to become highly qualified math and science teachers.
- C. A description of the scholarship program that would be established by the requested grant award, including:
 - a. An explanation of how the program and the specific grant amount requested would encourage and support students majoring in STEM areas to complete the necessary requirements to become highly qualified math and/or science teachers in the state of Texas;
 - b. An explanation of how the scholarship program builds upon or is aligned with institution's existing strategy to encourage and support these students;
 - c. An explanation of the cash and/or endowed approach, including how *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* funds will be disbursed i.e. in what amount(s), to how many students, over what timeframe; and
 - d. An explanation of how the program will be sustained through contributions from other sources.
- D. A description of the institution's approach to providing need based financial aid.
- E. Requestor information to include name of organization, department, contact information—phone, address, and email—for at least one primary contact.
 - a. If the authorized signatory for a grant agreement which might result from this proposal is different from the primary contact, please indicate and include name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
 - b. If the fiscal contact for any grant payments which might result from this proposal is different from the primary contact, please indicate and include name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
- F. Please include the following attachments:
 - a. most recent IRS Determination Letter verifying tax-exempt status;
 - b. on your organization's letterhead, a currently dated affirmative statement regarding your organization's status as a 501(c)(3) or other tax exempt organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Code signed by an authorized representative of your organization; and
 - c. a member listing of the organization's board of directors including occupation/profession.

Additional information may be requested to fully understand the grant proposal.

VI. Limitations and Expectations

- A. Awards to individual institutions under the *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* will be no less than \$50,000 and will not exceed \$150,000.
- B. The program as described in this document is effective for 2008 only, and the deadline for proposals is May 15, 2008.
- C. *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* funds will be disbursed based on a competitive proposal process until resources allocated for 2008 are exhausted.

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- D. The *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* grant awards may be used for a cash, endowed, or combination cash and endowed program. For cash awards, all funds awarded through the *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* must be disbursed to students by February 1, 2010.
- E. The funded institution is obligated to acknowledge the “Greater Texas Foundation” in any written materials related to the scholarship(s) e.g. student award notifications, advertisements, publications, event programs, or brochures, etc.
- F. Institutions participating in the *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* will provide Greater Texas Foundation a report each semester (by the 50th class day) with the name, classification, major, mailing address, and grade point ratio for each *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* recipient.
- G. When cash award funds are exhausted, funded institutions will provide a final report to Greater Texas Foundation including an evaluation of the results obtained through disbursement of *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* funds. The final report should include the total number of students served, the number of students academically eligible to be retained (or completed certificate) for another year of study with individual end of year grade point ratios, and a statement affirming that all *Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Program* funds were disbursed to students.