**CSU MICROSOFT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

**Application deadline (to campus): ~~June 15, 2020~~ June 30, 2020 (can vary by campus)**

The CSU Microsoft Scholarship Program was established for CSU credential students. The $5,000 scholarship is designed to serve candidates in CSU single-subject mathematics or science teacher preparation programs and is available to those committed to teaching in a high-need school for at least two years. The scholarship recognizes candidates who demonstrate a financial need and have attributes of merit, including excellent academic performance, significant personal achievements and community service. All potentially eligible candidates are encouraged to apply. It is planned that at least 160 scholarships will be awarded systemwide. A certain percentage of scholarships will be awarded to each campus that has a single-subject credential program in mathematics and/or science. Using 2018-2019 Commission on Teacher Credentialing data, the number of awards per campus will be based on the total number of mathematics and science preliminary credentials produced by that campus in relation to those produced by the entire CSU.

Applicants must:

* Be currently enrolled in a CSU single-subject mathematics or science teacher credentialing program during the academic year 2020-2021 (fall and/or spring terms).
* Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the campus financial aid office.
* Be in good academic standing.
* Agree to at least two years of teaching in a high-need school after finishing the program.
* Complete an application, which includes the following:
  + Application form (with signed commitment);
  + Personal statement (explaining the need for the scholarship and motivation for wanting to teach mathematics or science in a high-need school – two-page maximum);
  + Unofficial transcript(s);
  + Letter of endorsement from a faculty member indicating why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.

**Applications are available through the CSU colleges/schools of education.** Candidates will submit completed applications to the campus’ teacher credentialing program by ~~June 15, 2020~~ June 30, 2020. The program will review the applications to ensure that they meet all requirements (including amount of financial need verified through the campus’ financial aid office) and then have a committee determine which applicants to nominate. Each program will then forward selected applicants’ completed packets, with amount of unmet financial need, to the Chancellor’s Office no later than ~~July 17, 2020~~ July 27, 2020.

Note: The application form needs to be completely filled out. Do not leave any line blank. If there is no information to provide, write “N/A.” *Each item* submitted with the application packet (e.g., Personal Statement, Letter of Endorsement) should be clearly labeled and include the applicant’s full name.

**CSU SYSTEMWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*Please make sure that all items are completed and verified before   
the application packet is submitted.*

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| **Application Item** | **Completed** |
| Applicant Information Form | **□** |
| Personal Statement  (see fact sheet for details) | **□** |
| One Letter of Endorsement  (see fact sheet for details) | **□** |
| Unofficial Transcript from Current Institution | **□** |

**Each application and checklist must be attached as one PDF and   
e-mailed to the campus single subject credential program.**

**Please do not send physical files.**

Contact your campus credential program with any additional questions.

**Application deadline to the credential program is ~~June 15, 2020~~** June 30, 2020.