

Portland State University

Robert Noyce Scholarship Program

A Partnership for Science Teacher Preparation
from the Graduate School of Education,
the Center for Science Education and
the Beaverton School District

Application

Return completed application to:

Portland State University
Robert Noyce Scholarship Program
Center for Science Education
Portland, OR 97207-0751
Phone (503) 725-4243

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ROBERT NOYCE SCHOLARSHIP

To all applicants: Please review the eligibility requirements below carefully before filling out an application. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact xxx

ELIGIBILITY

| For Elementary Education Scholarship | For Secondary Education Scholarship |
|---|---|
| US Citizen | US Citizen |
| Admitted to PSU | Will have completed a minimum of B.S./B.A. in science by Fall 2007 term OR currently admitted to Masters in Science Teaching program at PSU |
| Seeking BA/BS in a science field, math or Elementary Education with General Science | |
| Senior as of Fall 2007 term | |
| Seeking to be a teacher at the K-6 level | Seeking to be a science teacher at the 6-12 level |

APPLICANT EVALUATION CRITERIA

All completed applications received that meet eligibility requirements listed above will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- ❑ Academic transcripts and GPA (3 points)
- ❑ Science coursework and experiences (4 points)
- ❑ Career goals essay (5 points)
- ❑ Second language proficiency (3 points)
- ❑ First-generation college attendance (2 points)
- ❑ Prior successful service to underrepresented populations (3 points)

Applicants will be interviewed based upon the above criteria and the application period will remain open until all of the 15 positions in the cohort are filled.

Robert Noyce Scholarship Application

Please Complete in Full – Type or Print Using Black Ink

Applicant Information

I am applying for: _____ Elementary Education _____ Secondary Education

Name: _____
Last
First
Middle

Address: _____
Street
City
State
Zip Code

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Gender: ~ Male ~ Female Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ PSU ID Number: ____ / ____ / ____
Mo.
Day
Year
(or Social Security No.)

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen: ~ Yes ~ No Permanent Resident: ~ Yes ~ No ~ Other _____

If you are a permanent resident or citizen born outside the United States, please provide copy of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documentation.

Ethnic Identity (Optional)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American, Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Chicano/Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Respond |
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Academic Information (Attach official College/University transcripts)

| College/University: | Dates attended | Degree earned | GPA: |
|--|----------------|---------------|------|
| <i>Please list the institutions you have attended, beginning with the most recent or current one</i> | | | |
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Current student status (c\ YW one): Junior Senior Graduate Post-Grad

Degree Expected? _____ Projected graduation date? ____ / ____

Number of credits earned to date: _____

Number of credits enrolled currently: _____

Academic Major: _____ Current GPA: _____

Additional Major: _____ Current GPA: _____

Minor(s): _____ Current GPA: _____

Which level of students are you interested in teaching? _____ Elementary _____ Secondary

Which Masters of Science Teaching Program are you applying for?

Background and Experience (Part of selection criteria)

Did your mother **graduate** from a four-year college or university? ~Yes ~No
Level of education: _____ Degree earned: _____

Mother's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Did your father **graduate** from a four-year college or university? ~Yes ~No
Level of education: _____ Degree earned: _____

Father's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Have you been convicted of a felony crime? Yes No
(If "yes," please attach a page of explanation) All applicants must complete fingerprint packet and background check if accepted into the program. Final admission is contingent upon results.

Are you proficient in another language (other than English)? Yes No
If yes, please list _____

Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes No

Are you seeking an additional endorsement for your current teaching license? Yes No

Have you submitted a FAFSA? Yes No
If yes, please attach a copy of your most recent FAFSA and attach an explanation of your current financial circumstances.

Summary of science education/teaching experience

We are interested in your prior experience and interest in science teaching and education in formal or informal settings, for pay or as a volunteer.

Summary of experiences with underrepresented populations

Graduates of the Noyce Scholarship program are required to teach for two years at a high-need public school. We are interested in your experience in working with bilingual/underrepresented children or adults in formal or informal settings, for pay or as a volunteer.

Summary of interest/expertise in the sciences (include relevant coursework, employment or research experience)

Educational/Career Essay – Please attach a typed essay describing your

- (1) experience, interest & commitment to teaching science at the K-12 level.
- (2) understanding of science inquiry as a process of knowledge-making and applications of technology to teaching and learning.
- (3) level of proficiency in a second language and interest in teaching bilingual or underrepresented populations.

Letters of recommendation:

Use the forms that follow to solicit 3 letters of recommendation as follows:

- One letter from a person who has supervised your experience working with children or youth in a formal or informal setting, for pay or as a volunteer
- One letter from an instructor of an upper division course at the college/university level
- One letter from a personal reference who is not related to you

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APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- ___ Completed Portland State University Noyce Scholarship Application Form (2 pages)
- ___ Official transcripts of colleges/universities attended, including PSU
- ___ Explanation of felony conviction, if applicable
- ___ Copy of most recent FAFSA, if applicable
- ___ Educational/Career Essay
- ___ Resume or curriculum vitae
- ___ Three letters of reference pertaining to your academic and extracurricular activities
Letters from immediate family members are not acceptable. See instructions above.
- ___ Request current GRE scores to be sent to PSU (Secondary Education applicants only)

**Portland State University
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Letter of Recommendation Form**

Instructions to Applicant: This form is to be submitted, along with other application forms and materials, to the Center for Science Education, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Please notify the recommender that your application will not be considered until all materials are received.

PART A: THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Name: _____
Family Name First Name Middle Name

I am applying for consideration for ___ Elementary Education ___ Secondary Education

Applicant: Three letters of recommendation are required in support of your admission to the Robert Noyce Scholarship for Science Teacher Preparation offered by the Graduate School of Education and the Center for Science Education at Portland State University. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee your rights to access your educational records. You are also permitted by those laws to voluntarily waive that right of access. Please indicate below your decision related to access to this letter of recommendation.

- I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.
 I do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Applicant Signature: _____

PART B: THIS PART TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER

Recommender: The person named above is applying for admission to a scholarship program for the preparation of K-12 science educators in the public schools. Please provide your impressions and assessments regarding the applicant's intellectual ability, disposition and character, potential for productivity and scholarship, creativity, leadership abilities, professional preparedness, and other aptitudes and skills that may be considered by the admissions committee. Please be frank and provide as much information as possible, including challenges, achievements, experience working with children and community organizations, and other special considerations pertaining to the applicant. **Please use a separate sheet, preferably a school, organization, or company letterhead, and attach it to this letter of recommendation form.**

Number of Years Known the Applicant: _____ Capacity: _____

Please rate this applicant in overall promise, potential, and appropriateness for graduate studies in education (check one only).

- Not Recommended Below Average Above Average Good Outstanding Exceptional Inadequate Opportunity to Observe

Class Rank: Bottom 25% Bottom 33% 50% Top 33% Top 25% Top 10% Top 5% Unknown

Recommender's Name (please print): _____
Last First Middle

Position or Title: _____ School or Company: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions to Recommender: Please mail or deliver this form, in a sealed envelope with a signature across the enclosure flap, directly to the student applying for the Noyce Scholarship at Portland State University. Do not send this form to the Center for Science Education or any other office at Portland State University. Thank you for providing this letter of recommendation.

