NSF Robert Noyce Scholarship Program Application

Dear Noyce Scholarship Applicant:

Within this packet you will find a "Fact Pack" which will provide you with the essential details for applying for a National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Scholarship or Stipend, along with general information about the scholarship/stipend, an application, and a copy of the selection criteria scoring sheet used by the reviewers. Additionally, the review committee may request an interview before making a final decision.

This letter contains some additional information that you should read very carefully. The information below describes some of the expectations of you as an NSF Noyce Scholarship Program award recipient. Additional details will be found under the "Recipient Responsibilities Will Include" section of the "Fact Pack."

If you are a recipient of a Noyce Scholarship or Stipend, you will be required to stay in contact with us by mail, phone, or e-mail for three years following your employment as a teacher. Also, we have provided a server on which you will be required to place a personal webpage. This webpage must be kept current with information about yourself and your teaching experiences. You are encouraged to include photos of yourself and your students as a part of your webpage. More details about this will be provided later.

By accepting a Noyce Scholarship or Stipend, you also are consenting to release pictures and information related to your participation in the Noyce Program and your future employment as a teacher. These pictures may be used in program promotional brochures and posters. Information regarding your teaching assignments will be used to complete reports to the National Science Foundation.

This scholarship program is being implemented through the Collaborative for Excellence in Teacher Preparation for Science and Mathematics Project-Pennsylvania (CETP-PA), whose Project Office is located at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Each University in the PA State System of Higher Education has a designated Noyce Program contact person who can answer any questions you may have about this scholarship/stipend program. They are also your point-of-contact for the submission of your application. The PASSHE Foundation Office at 717-720-4120 is available to answer any questions.

PASSHE NSF Robert Noyce Scholarship Program
FACT PACK

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT

- $7,500 - 10,000 per full-time enrolled year for up to two years
- Funds are paid directly to your university account for educational expenses
- Each year awarded requires two years of teaching in a high need school district

STIPEND AWARD AMOUNT

- $10,000 maximum, not to exceed the cost of attendance, may be received for one year only
- Funds are paid directly to our university account for educational expenses
- The one year award requires two years of teaching in a high need school district

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

Eligible applicants for a Noyce Stipend must have earned a degree in science or mathematics and make a commitment to completing certification requirements to teach secondary science or mathematics at a State System university within two years of the initial award. Applicants for Noyce Scholarship may be students currently completing a science or mathematics degree or post-baccalaureates holding a science or mathematics degree.

- Applicants must have a qualifying cumulative GPA 3.00, with preference for those with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

- Transfer students or post-baccalaureates whose academic standing is/was less than 3.00, must complete a semester or more of coursework at a State System university to establish the qualifying GPA of 3.00.

- All applicants must be full-time students during each semester for which the award is received.

- Stated deadlines for application submission will apply for all applicants.

APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

- How to obtain an application:
  Applications may be obtained from CETP-PA Math and Science Centers, designated contact faculty or administrators on non-CETP-PA campuses, CareerLink Offices, or the PASSHE Foundation Office. Applications also may be obtained through the web sites of the Math and Science Centers (accessed through the CETP-PA Project website), the PASSHE Foundation Office (www.thepafoundation.org/scholarships), or the CETP-PA Project (www.cetp-pa.iup.edu).

- Students must submit the following:
  1. Completed application
  2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including your current institution (please see “Conditions” on page 4).

3. Two page essay describing your personal and professional goals, commitment to teaching, and personal philosophy of teaching. Please describe any CETP-PA courses you have taken and any CETP-PA Math/Science Center events or educational experiences in which you have participated.
4. Three letters of recommendation that must address, but are not limited to: a) the scholarship of the applicant, b) the character of the applicant, c) the interpersonal skills of the applicant relative to teaching, and d) the general interpersonal skills of the applicant.
5. Resume

- **All completed applications must be reviewed for completeness by your university Noyce Program contact person. The contact person will then submit the completed and approved application to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Foundation, Dixon University Center, 2986 N. Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 on or before the stated deadline. The envelope must be clearly marked Noyce Scholarship Program. Applicants should NOT send their applications directly to the PASSHE Foundation Office.**

- Application Deadlines and Award Announcements:
  - Applications must be postmarked by April 20 or October 20 each year.
  - PASSHE NSF Noyce Scholarship Program awards will be announced in early January or early June.

HOW ARE RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

- Applicants will be reviewed by a screening committee using an instrument developed specifically for this program (see "Attachment 1" for selection criteria).

- The highest scored candidates will receive scholarship/stipend awards until funds are depleted or until all acceptable candidates have received awards, whichever occurs first. All proposed awardees will be reviewed to ensure distribution among a diverse cohort. Awards will be made without regard to the State System University the applicant attends.

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE

1. Volunteering services to the CETP-PA Math and Science Centers
2. Participating in local, regional, state or national professional conferences and meetings
3. Planning and presenting workshops or professional development activities
4. Acting as liaisons between prospective Math and Science teacher students and the university by assisting with recruitment related activities
5. Teaching or tutoring in their respective disciplines at the K-12 level
6. Submitting a typed or word processed report summarizing their activities at the end of each awarded semester
7. Developing/maintaining a personal webpage to share your learning and teaching experiences now and for three (3) years following your gaining employment
8. Maintaining a qualifying cumulative GPA
9. Carrying a minimum of 12 credits per semester during the duration of the award year (9 credits for graduate students)
10. Other duties as determined by the university's contact person
11. After achieving teacher certification, fulfilling the obligation to teach in a high need school district within the time limit required by the Noyce Program

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CONDITIONS

- **Award recipients will be selected from *only* those applicants whose packet is complete.**
- **Transcript requirements:**
    1. Transfer students who are applying during their first semester at a State System university must include the official transcript from the previous institution they attended full time.
    2. Post-baccalaureates who are applying during their first semester at a State System university must include the official transcript from their previous degree granting institution.
- Summer funding is NOT provided. Pro-rated funding for less than full-time is NOT provided.
- Recipients will not qualify for a subsequent semester of scholarship/stipend funding if:
    1. Their cumulative GPA becomes unsatisfactory
    2. A review is unsatisfactory
    3. A recipient changes out of the required discipline major, leaves the university before completing the discipline degree, or does not complete the certification program
    4. Fails to submit required documents
- Recipients must sign a statement of terms and conditions and a promissory note in order to finalize the award.

For questions please contact:
Ms. Eileen Showers
PASSHE Foundation Office
Dixon University Center
2986 N. Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Phone: 717-720-4120

PA State System of Higher Education FOUNDATION INC.

Scholarship/Stipend Application
PASSHE NSF Robert Noyce Scholarship Program
Collaboration for Excellence in Teacher Preparation in Pennsylvania

Funded by the National Science Foundation – Grant #0531960

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____
(please print or type) Last First MI

Local Address: _____
Street/Dorm City State Zip

Local Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

For scholarship/stipend award contact information, please list your permanent address and phone:

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Permanent Phone: (____) _____

Major: _____ Minor: (if applicable)_____

Current Class Standing: ___ Junior ___ Senior ___Graduate

Have you been admitted into the Teacher Certification Program? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, when do you plan to student teach? _____Fall 20_____
_____Spring 20_____
_____Summer 20_____

If No, when will you apply to the program? _____Fall 20_____
_____Spring 20_____
_____Summer 20_____

For which semester(s) are you requesting scholarship/stipend support? _____Fall 20_____
_____Spring 20_____

Institution Currently Attending: _____

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Please respond for NSF demographics:
Gender: _____Female _____Male

Ethnicity: (Check one)
_____Hispanic or Latino
_____Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: (Check all that apply)
_____Native American or Alaskan Native
_____Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
_____Black or African American
_____Asian
_____White

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In the following sections, please list most current first:

ACADEMIC HISTORY*

College or University	Cumulative GPA	Total Credits Completed	Total Credits Completed in Major	Total Credits Completed in Certification	Degree Earned

HONORS AND AWARDS*

Honor/Award	Year

JOB HISTORY*

Employer	Job Description	Dates of Employment

Additional Extracurricular/Community/Volunteer Activities for Award Period*

Position/Title	Dates	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

* If more space is needed, please continue on back of this page & provide heading of section.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Source (agency)	Amount	Status*	Type (loan or grant)

*Requested, Expected, Awarded

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Signatures and Check List

I declare that all of the information contained herein and provided is true, correct, and complete, and if selected I agree to carry out the responsibilities as described in the information packet or as assigned by my university Noyce contact person. I understand the obligation to achieve my teacher certification and teach in a high need school district within the prescribed time limits. I understand that if I fail to teach in a qualifying high need school district, that I will have to repay the Noyce Scholarship and/or Stipend. I will provide consent and information releases for program staff to utilize in confirming my status with future employers.

_____ _____ _____

(Please Print) Applicant Name Applicant Signature Date

Confirming Signatures

CETP-PA Noyce contact person:

_____ _____ _____ _____

Print name Signature Date Phone

College Dean/Chairperson:

_____ _____ _____ _____

Print name Signature Date Phone

Noyce Contact Person: Complete Application Packages must be postmarked by October 20 or April 20.
(Please remember to make a photocopy of all application materials for your records.)

- ☐ Completed Application (pages 5, 6, and 7 of this packet)
- ☐ Applicants must submit official transcripts from their university, as described above (please see "Conditions" on page 4).
- ☐ Two page essay attached to application describing: your personal and professional goals, your commitment to teaching, your personal philosophy of teaching; any CETP-PA courses you have taken and CETP-PA events/educational experiences in which you have participated
- ☐ Three (3) letters of recommendation
- ☐ Resume

Attachment 1
NSF PASSHE Robert Noyce Scholarship/Stipend Program
Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to score applications:

	Range	Points	Score
SMET Majors – minimum 3.00	3.00 to 3.50	30	
	3.50 to 4.00	40	____

Professionally prepared application packet……..……..0 - 10 ____

Three (3) letters of recommendation...…….……..0 - 15 ____

Personal essay……0 - 20 ____

Resume quality (include campus activities)……..…….……....0 - 15 ____

Evidence of leadership experiences and/or abilities
……..... 0 - 15 ____

Total _____

Explanation of the Evaluation Criteria:

◆ Students eligible to apply for the Noyce Scholarships/Stipends must fall within these criteria:
Junior through graduate students who are currently enrolled in a Pennsylvania State System university who:

1. are SMET majors who have been formally admitted into a teacher certification program; or
2. are a SMET major who has declared an intent to complete a teacher certification program

◆ Points assigned for grade point average are based upon the student's cumulative GPA at the time of application or, in the case of new State System students or graduate students, the GPA of their latest transcript from their degree granting institution.

◆ Letters of recommendation will be awarded a maximum of five points each. Letters should address, but are not limited to: a) the scholarship of the applicant; b) the character of the applicant; c) leadership experiences and/or abilities of the applicant; d) the interpersonal skills of the applicant relative to teaching; and e) the general interpersonal skills of the applicant.

◆ Students shall compose a two-page essay, typed or word-processed, describing their personal and professional goals, commitment to teaching, and their philosophy of teaching, and if applicable, describing any CETP-PA courses, events or educational experience in which you have participated. Statements will be judged on content and use of the English language.

Attachment 2
NSF PASSHE Robert Noyce Scholarship/Stipend Program
NSF CETP-PA Center Directors (Noyce Program Contact Person)

Bloomsburg University:
Noyce Contact Person: Dr. Bruce Wilcox, Chemistry Department – 211 Hartline Science Center
bwilcox@bloomu.edu – Office: 570-389-4145

California University:
Center Director: Dr. Jess Cignetti, Chemistry and Physical Science Department – 202A New Science –
cignetti@cup.edu - Office: 724-938-5934

Cheyney University:
Noyce Contact Person: Dr. Steven Hughes, Aquaculture Center, 246 Carver Science - shughes@cheyney.edu
Office: 610-399-2400

Clarion University:
Co-Center Director: Dr. Susan Courson, Science Education Department – Peirce Science Center –
scourson@clarion.edu – Office: 814-393-2105
Co-Center Director: Dr. Bruce Smith, Science Education Department - Peirce Science Center – bsmith@clarion.edu
Office: 814-393-2646

East Stroudsburg University:
Center Director: Dr. Alison Rutter, Elementary Education Department – 219 Stroud Hall – arutter@po-box.esu.edu
Office: 570-422-3360

Edinboro University:
Center Director: Dr. Nicholas Stupiansky, Elementary Education Department – nstupiansky@edinboro.edu
Office: 814-732-1670

Indiana University:
Noyce Contact Person: Dr. N. Bharathan, Biology Department – 213 Weyandt Hall – Bharathn@iup.edu.
Office: 724-357-2584

Kutztown University:
Center Director: Mrs. Karen Wanamaker, Rohrbach Library – kwanamak@kutztown.edu - Office: 610-683-4709

Lock Haven University:
Co-Center Director: Science Contact -Dr. Stephen Marvel, Biology Department – 317 Ulmer Hall –
smarvel@lhup.edu - Office: 570-893-2524
Co-Center Director: Math Contact - Dr. Denine Burkett, Mathematics and Mathematics Education Department –
421 Robinson Hall – dburkett@lup.edu – Office: 570-893-2283

Mansfield University:
Noyce Contact Person: Dr. Linda Iseri, Mathematics Department - 213-A Elliott Hall - Liseri@mnsfld.edu –
Office: 570-662-4706

Millersville University:
Center Director: Ms. Jessica George, Education Librarian – Ganser Library – jessica.george@millersville.edu –
Office: 717-872-3615

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Shippensburg University:
Center Director: Dr. Christine Royce – Teacher Education Department – 103 Franklin Science Center – caroyce@aol.com – 717-477-1681

Slippery Rock University:
Noyce Contact Person: Dr. Carolyn Steglich, Biology Department – 314 Vincent Science Hall - carolyn.steglich@sru.edu – Office: 724-738-2475

West Chester University:
Co-Center Director: Math Contact - Dr. John Kerrigan, Mathematics Department – 122 Anderson Hall – jkerrigan@wcupa.edu - Office: 610-436-2351
Co-Center Director: Science Contact - Dr. John Townsend, Chemistry Department, 403A Anderson Hall – jtownsend@wcupa.edu - Office: 610-436-0163