

# The Windgate Educator Preparation Program Academic Scholarship

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## *University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

### **Guidelines**

- I. Through a grant from the Windgate Foundation, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has received a scholarship aimed at recruiting highly qualified students of color who have chosen to teach. The scholarship has been named, The Windgate Educator Preparation Program Academic Scholarship (WEPPAS). This scholarship is housed within the School of Education and will be awarded to students who have excelled academically and expressed a strong interest in becoming a licensed classroom teacher in Arkansas public schools. The scholarship aims to recruit a pool of eight undergraduate and five graduate students of color who will enter the EPP and will become highly capable of preparing the next generation of learners. The scholarship awards range up to \$5000 per academic year for **undergraduates**- \$2500 each academic semester for two years and \$2000 for **graduates** - \$1000 each semester for one academic year. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, fees, and books. *The application deadline is August 10, 2021 5:00 p.m. CST.*
- II. In order to qualify for The Windgate Educator Preparation Program Academic Scholarship, applicants must meet the following selection criteria:

### **UNDERGRADUATES**

#### Program Guidelines & Priorities:

#### High School Graduate:

- *Be a citizen or national of the United States*
- *Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.85 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application (either from high school if entering as a first time, full time freshman)*
- *Have a minimum 20 ACT score or equivalent 1480 SAT score or above at the time of application*
- *Have been accepted for admission to UAPB and declared an area in education as major*
- *Must provide sealed letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator on school letter head at time of application*
- *Verification of enrollment with a minimum of 15 credit hours of core cores in an Educators Preparation Program each semester that he/she receives the WEPPAS*
- *All information must be provided at the time of application.*

#### Other Requirements for Incoming Undergraduate Recipients:

- *Must meet with advisor and mentor twice a month and keep journal of meeting and discussions. Mentor and advisor will sign form documenting meeting.*
- *Enroll in EDUC 1300 Foundation and Development of American Education*
  - *Complete Education Disposition Assessment*
- *Register with coordinator of Learning Plus Lab; Log in 20 hours of work in Learning Plus Lab using specific study guides and software for studying Praxis content*
- *Take the Interactive ETS Praxis Content Exam for the purpose of developing a study plan for future Praxis exams;*

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*must score 70% or better*

- *Meet with advisor to register each academic semester using Eight Semester Plan (signatures from advisor and student provided)*
- *Schedule Praxis exams according to Eight Semester Plan and Praxis Study Plan*
- *Participate in EPP Redesign Induction Ceremony Face to Face*
- *Midterm and end of semester academic review of progress with advisor*
- *Participate and follow guidelines in the Educator Preparation Program Redesign Pilot Program*
  - *Attend scheduled professional developments*
  - *Preparation for early registration to take parts of Praxis Content exams*

## **GRADUATES**

### Program Guidelines & Priorities:

#### Graduate (Master of Arts of Teaching - Incoming Incoming):

- *Be a citizen or national of the United States*
- *Grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale at the time of application*
- *Have been accepted for admission to UAPB and declared an area in education as major*
- *Must provide sealed letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator on school letter head at time of application*
- *Completed application*

#### Other Requirements for Incoming Graduate Recipients:

- *Must register with Coordinator in Learning Plus Lab (LPL);*
- *Must log in 20 hours in LPL using lab resources such as study.com*
- *Must schedule with Coordinator of LPL and take Interactive Praxis content exam*
- *Must score 60% or better*
- *Must maintain GPA of 3.0 or better to receive the scholarship the following semester*
- *Must have registered for the Praxis within the award period*
- *Must enroll in a minimum of six hours*
- *Must provide sealed copy of the UAPB—Education Disposition*
- *Midterm and end of semester academic review of progress with advisor and school administrator*

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If selected, *The WEPPAS recipient must maintain the required GPA on a semester and cumulative basis to continue receiving the approved scholarship award.* The scholarship is opened to students of color pursuing a teaching degree to become an Arkansas licensed teacher upon completing the requirements of the Educator Preparation Program at UAPB.

*The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee.*

Please submit any questions to: smithdn@uapb.edu.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth:    Month                  Day                  Year                  Gender: _____
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required. ACT Score: _____
6.	<b>Please check one:</b> Undergraduate Student: _____ Graduate Student: _____
7.	Name and location of High School attending: _____
8.	<b>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</b> A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:  B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:  C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:

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9.	College Major: _____
	Undergraduate: _____
	Graduate: _____

**•DO NOT FORGET!** Please provide sealed letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator on school letter head at time of application.

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship recipient my picture may be taken and used to promote the Foundation scholarship program. (The recipient may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist

- Application
- Admission to UAPB and declared education as a major
- Review course, Praxis and Learning Lab requirements
- Letter of Recommendation