OPPORTUNITY
For Scottsdale Teachers

The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship

The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship was established to encourage teachers in the Scottsdale Unified School District to maintain their dedication to the field of teaching and become accomplished teachers by continuing their education at ASU in a master’s program in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Financial Award: Fellowships for tuition costs up to $5,000.00 will be awarded beginning fall 2015. Fellowships are renewable for up to two consecutive years.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY FOR THIS FELLOWSHIP!

Application Deadline for The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship is:
Friday, February 6th, 2015

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The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowships are available to teachers who work in the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and want to achieve a master’s degree in education from Arizona State University (ASU). Four fellowships in the amount of up to $5,000 will be awarded and are renewable for two additional consecutive years (awarding up to $15,000 total per fellowship).

The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship program is open to teachers employed by SUSD and is administered by ASU. Applications to The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship are due Friday, February 6, 2015, and will be awarded starting for the fall 2015 semester.

Application points are awarded based on the following criteria, which will be used to select The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship recipients:

- **GPA** – applicant must have 3.0 or better GPA. A range of points will be attached to higher GPAs.
- **Admission to master’s program at ASU** – applicant can be 1) currently admitted to the master’s of education program or 2) have plans to apply for admission after being notified as a recipient of this fellowship. Priority will be given to those applicants who are pursuing their first master degree.
- **Employment** – applicant must be employed as of fall 2015, as a teacher by the Scottsdale Unified School District.
- **Letters of recommendation** – applicant must submit two letters of recommendation. One must be from the individual who conducts your teacher’s evaluation.
- **Honors and awards** – points will be awarded to applicants who received honors or awards either as an undergraduate or as a teacher; school based activities (coach, yearbook advisor, etc.).
- **Volunteering** - points will be awarded to applicants who are involved during or after the educational day in volunteer activities that give back to the community. Please provide a contact person for each activity.
- **Note to Individuals wishing to pursue a master’s degree in Educational Leadership (Principalship):** applicants must include an additional letter of support from a principal who will serve as their mentor during the internship portion of the degree program.

Teachers may receive this fellowship each year for three years provided they continue to meet the required criteria of maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA and making reasonable progress toward completion of a master’s degree. Teachers must maintain continuous enrollment of a minimum of three credits each semester and summer terms are highly encouraged. Teachers will be expected to complete their degrees within three years at which time funding will cease. If a teacher needs to take a leave of absence, s/he must notify the Teachers College.
The Charro Foundation Master’s in Education Fellowship Application 2015-16

Are you currently an ASU student or new applicant? ASU ID or Date of Birth:

Degree Program:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address: (street address, apartment number, city, state & zip code)

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Name of School:

Grade level/subject assignment:

Total number of years teaching:

Number of years in SUSD:

Applicants will compose two typed essays (no fewer than 350 words and no more than 500) as separate documents that address the following questions. Essays will be judged on writing skill and how well they address the prompt. For identification purposes, provide a header to each essay including your name, address, and the title of the essay.

Essay 1 Academic Goals: What are your academic goals related to teaching and learning? What areas of interest are you looking forward to researching through your master’s program? Provide rationale.

Essay 2 Career Goals: How will the knowledge, skills, and perspectives gained through a master’s program influence your career development? How will your career goals contribute to student growth and achievement?

*Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the individual who conducts the teacher’s evaluation and one letter from a character reference within the SUSD community.

**Applicants must submit an official or unofficial transcript from their bachelor’s degree and/or current graduate coursework.

***Applicants can submit on a separate document their volunteer activities both in and out school with the contact information for each and any additional honors or awards received.

Applicant’s Signature: ______________________ Date: _______________

Submit your completed application along with this cover sheet no later than Friday, February 6th, 2015 to:

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If you have question, you may email donna.benson@asu.edu