



Associate Member Scholarship

Description: This scholarship is intended to assist A+PEL associate members in achieving certification as professional educators through university coursework or alternative certification program. By definition, associate members are those members who are full-time school employees who work in a paraprofessional or non-certified position directly related to the instructional program in a public/private school or university.

Deadline: July 15th/December 15th

Eligibility/Guidelines:

- Only A+PEL members who hold an Associate membership may apply.
- The scholarship must be used to pay for university coursework relevant to teacher certification.
- If chosen as a scholarship recipient, the applicant agrees that he/she will not receive funds until fee payment receipts from the attending university are submitted to the A+PEL office along with documentation of course completion (e.g., transcript).
- The applicant is currently an employee of a Louisiana school and plans on returning to a Louisiana school for one year after completing coursework funded through this scholarship.
- The applicant agrees to notify the A+PEL state office immediately if he/she is unable to fulfill their obligations under this scholarship program. In this event, he/she forfeits his/her scholarship for the award period, with the understanding that he/she may reapply for award the following academic year.
- If selected, the applicant will be available to receive this award publically at a faculty meeting, school board meeting, or A+PEL conference. The venue will ultimately be determined by the representative giving the award and such aspects as convenience for the recipient, permission of the school/district, and the number of individuals awarded in a district will be taken into account.
- The application must be accompanied by an essay, 200 words or less, explaining how this scholarship will support the applicant in achieving his/her professional goals. Also include the expected time frame for becoming certified.
- The applicant must conform to standard rules of grammar in their application. Applications lacking in basic grammar will be disqualified regardless of other merits.
- Applicants can be awarded only one A+PEL award within a 365 day time period. This rule has been established to provide for additional opportunities amongst our growing member base.

Amount: The scholarship has an upper limit of 500 dollars.