

**JOAN S. BISSELL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in memory of Dr. Joan S. Bissell, former director in the California State University's Department of Educator Preparation and Public School Programs, for her leadership and dedication in ensuring a diverse and high-quality educator workforce. Dr. Bissell supported systemwide initiatives and programs, including the Ed.D. program in Educational Leadership, the Math and Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI), the Integrated Teacher Education Programs (ITEP) and the New Generations of Educators Initiative (NGEI). The funds support scholarships for mathematics or science teacher education candidates who commit to work in high needs schools.

The scholarship recognizes candidates who demonstrate a financial need and have attributes of merit, including excellent academic performance, significant personal achievements and community service after verification of full-time enrollment status at a CSU campus.

Fifty (50) \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year. Number of applications are available per the percent of MSTI program campus targets.

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in an approved CSU residency program during the academic year 2021-2022 (fall and/or spring terms).
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by the campus financial aid office.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Demonstrate a belief in the ability of all children to succeed and in the centrality of a teacher's role in this success.
- Agree to at least two years of teaching in a high-need school after finishing the program.
- Complete an application (as single pdf), which includes the following:
 - Application form (with signed commitment);
 - Personal statement (explaining the need for the scholarship and motivation for wanting to teach, and in particular in a high-need school – two-page maximum);
 - Unofficial transcript(s);
 - Letter of endorsement indicating why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.

Applications are available through the campus Financial Aid Office.

Contact the Financial Aid Department for the **Spring Application Deadline**.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(Please make sure that all items are completed and verified before the application packet is submitted to the CSU Foundation)

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Application Item	Completed	Verified by (Initial)	
		<i>Where indicated, either Financial Aid or the Scholarship Coordinator can verify completion</i>	
Applicant Information Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator	_____ _____
Personal Statement (see Fact Sheet for <i>specific</i> details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator	_____ _____
One (1) Letter of Reference (see Fact Sheet for <i>specific</i> details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Aid Scholarship Coordinator	_____ _____

Each application and checklist must be attached as one PDF and e-mailed to the campus Financial Aid Department.

Please do not send physical files.

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Application form needs to be completely filled out. Do not leave any line blank. If there is no information to provide, write "N/A". *Each item* submitted with the application packet (i.e., "Academic Profile," "Personal Statement," "Biography," etc.) should be clearly labeled.