

Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program

2016-2017 School Year

The 2016 Florida Legislature enacted section 1012.731, Florida Statutes (F.S.), The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program to reward Florida's classroom teachers as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a), F.S., who have been evaluated as highly effective (or first year teachers who have not been evaluated) and who have earned college entrance exam scores which indicate they were exceptionally well-prepared for college level coursework.

Eligibility Requirements:

Classroom teachers who have received an evaluation of highly effective on their 2015-2016 TEAM Summative Evaluation must:

- Submit to Human Resources by November 1, 2016 official ACT or SAT documentation either that their composite score on the ACT was at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken or that their Critical Reading and Mathematics scores on the SAT were at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.

First year classroom teachers who have not been evaluated must:

- Submit to Human Resources by November 1, 2016 official ACT or SAT documentation either that their composite score on the ACT was at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken or that their Critical Reading and Mathematics scores on the SAT were at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.

Classroom teachers rated as highly effective may retake the ACT or SAT in order to earn the scholarship; however, the requisite documentation that they have met the current 80th percentile ranking must be submitted to Human Resources by the November 1, 2016 deadline.

Payment Information:

All payments to teachers from this program are subject to payroll and income tax withholding.

If the number of eligible teachers statewide exceeds the total amount of the legislative appropriation, the Florida Department of Education shall prorate the per teacher scholarship amount.

Eligible teachers shall receive their scholarship by April 1, 2017.

Documentation and Submission:

Classroom teachers must provide an original copy of their ACT or SAT score report.

Original copies of score reports may be requested from ACT and the College Board for a fee. Teachers will incur the cost of having the score submitted to Lake County Schools Human Resources department to determine eligibility for the award.

Classroom teachers must submit a completed *Application for Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program* along with the original copy of their score report. Applications and score reports may be hand-delivered or sent through Jack Rabbit to Human Resources. Copies submitted via email will not be accepted.

Guidance on Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship from Florida Department of Education

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7672/dps-2016-84.pdf>

Lake County Schools

Application for Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program

2016-2017 School Year

EIN _____

Name _____

Center _____

This is to certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program (check the appropriate box):

I am a classroom teacher who received a highly effective evaluation rating in school year 2015-16.

AND

I have provided an original copy of my ACT report which indicates my composite score on the ACT was at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.

OR

My Critical Reading and Mathematics scores on the SAT were at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.

OR

I am a first year classroom teacher (who has not been evaluated).

AND

My composite score on the ACT was at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.

OR

My Critical Reading and Mathematics scores on the SAT were at or above the 80th percentile based on the rank in effect when the assessment was taken.

I understand the scholarship award payment will be made to me by April 1, 2017, and that payments from this program are subject to payroll and income tax withholding. Also, I understand that if the number of eligible teachers statewide exceeds the total amount of the legislative appropriation, the Florida Department of Education shall prorate the per teacher scholarship amount.

Teacher Signature _____

Date _____

Applications and original score reports may be hand-delivered to Human Resources during regular business hours or sent to Human Resources through Jack Rabbit. Applications and score reports will not be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2016.