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Hawkins Center for Excellence Scholarship Grant

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Hawkins Center for Excellence Scholarships Requirements

- Scholarships to DPS para-professionals in [Designated DPS Qualifying Schools](#) with an interest in becoming teachers or bilingual specialists in DPS.
- Historically under-served populations (i.e., racial/ethnic diverse, First-Generation, LGBTQ, and/or students with disabilities)



Designated DPS Qualifying Schools

- More than 70% of students are eligible for a free/reduced price lunch
- Schools with over 80% Minority population
- Please see Qualifying Schools handout or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/DPS-Schools>
- If you think your school qualifies, and is not on the list, please let us know.



Hawkins Center for Excellence Scholarships – Benefits

- Scholarships are based on a sliding scale (depending on number of credits)
- Includes additional supports for new MSU Denver SOE students
 - Affinity groups
 - Co-teaching
 - Academic Communities



Scholarship from MSU Denver

To receive scholarship, students need to declare they want to major in education on their MSU Denver application.

To receive the Bilingual Specialist rate, students need to declare they want to major in education on their application **and enroll in a Bilingual Specialist course taught in Spanish.**

Number of Credits	School of Education (SOE) Student	Bilingual Specialist Added Endorsement
6 to 8	\$500	\$1,000
9 to 11	\$1,550	\$2,000
12 to 14	\$2,500	\$3,250
15 to 18	\$3,200	\$3,950

MSU Denver + DPS Funds

Number of Credits	MSU Denver School of Education (SOE) + Denver Public Schools = \$Total	MSU Denver Tuition + Fees*
6 to 8	$\$500 + \$2,200 = \$2700$	6 credits - \$2,247 7 credits - \$2,578 8 credits - \$2,894
9 to 11	$\$1,550 + \$2,200 = \$3,750$	9 credits - \$3,211 10 credits - \$3,527 11 credits - \$3,843
12 to 14	$\$2,500 + \$2,200 = \$4,700$	12 credits - \$4,181 13 credits - \$4,498 14 credits - \$4,814
15 to 18	$\$3,200 + \$2,200 = \$5,400$	15 credits - \$5,130 16 credits - \$5,447 17 credits - \$5,763 18 credits - \$6,079

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Hawkins Center for Excellence Scholarships – Requirements



- A minimum 2.5 grade point average
- Complete the FASFA or CASFA
- Two recommendations (peer and school/district leader)
- Commitment to preparing for the Praxis exam
- Participate in Zoom interview

Two Recommendations

Choice of

- Written
- Video
- Audio

Any language – or bilingual

One from a peer

One from a supervisor, school leader, or district leader



Hawkins Center for Excellence Scholarship Maintenance and Academic Probation

Maintenance of Scholarship

- Maintain at least a 2.75 GPA
- Maintain a C or better in all courses
- Actively prepare for the Praxis exam
- Remain in DPS throughout the scholarship

Academic Probation

- Placed on Academic probation if below the requirements in the first semester
- If a student does not meet requirements, they will not be accepted in the scholarship program in the following year



Essay Questions

- What has been your most impactful learning experience thus far (please explain why)? This could be a formal lesson, an in-class experience, a project you developed, etc.
- All Colorado teachers must pass the State Licensure Praxis exam. What will you do to prepare yourself early on to be successful?
- What qualities do you have that will support you in being a successful teacher (i.e., transferable skills, and/or personal characteristics)?
- How will this scholarship support your personal and professional goals? Why are you considering a teaching pathway now? What kept you from completing a teacher licensure program in the past?
- Your Mission. In one sentence, state your mission as an aspiring educator. For example, “I will learn to make a difference in ____ (your interests) through ____ (your plans for learning and contributing).”

Application Check

- Have you applied to MSU Denver, and indicated an interest in a School of Education major?
- Have you answered the essay questions?
- Do you have both recommendations (peer and leader)?

Great!

Now complete the application at:

tinyurl.com/hawkins-app



Second Year – Sustainable Application



In addition to considerations in first year, subsequent year applications will

- Require a short explanation of their Praxis status – Have they passed the Praxis yet? If not, what have they been doing to practice for it?
- Address their grade point average and above C status
- Address Standard IV of the Quality Teacher Standards: Teachers demonstrate professionalism through ethical conduct, reflection, and leadership.



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