

North Carolina Central University
School of Education

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Due to the chronic shortage of teachers, particularly in the areas of mathematics and science, The Burroughs Wellcome Fund has awarded the University of North Carolina system a grant to increase the number of mathematics and science teachers in North Carolina. North Carolina Central University is one of four UNC system campuses participating in this scholarship program.

Here is some information you need to know before you complete the application attached (including two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes).

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FUND 

Who can apply?

You must be a US citizen to apply and be willing to teach ***at least*** one year in North Carolina. Also, you may apply for this scholarship in the spring of your sophomore year or in your junior or senior year. Scholarships are awarded for up to the last two years of school. You must be eligible for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

What does this scholarship offer?

- \$6,500 annual scholarships
- Monthly professional development seminars
- A full-time classroom internship with intensive mentoring
- Support in transitioning into the classroom as a beginning teacher
- \$5,000 salary supplement for each year of teaching, up to 5 years

What obligations do I have if awarded this scholarship?

- Complete a FASFA form each year that a scholarship is awarded.
- Maintain a high level of performance in courses, labs, field experiences, and the student teaching internship (minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA).
- Attend all scheduled professional development seminars.
- Although continuing to teach mathematics or science is an option, the recipient must teach a year in a North Carolina high school as a condition of the scholarship. Therefore, a junior who is awarded the scholarship for both the junior and senior years would be expected to teach at least 2 years.

Teacher Education Program Admission Requirements

Candidates must have

- Earned a 2.5 grade point average or greater
- Earned grades of C or better in ENG 1110, 1210, and 1250 (or equivalent transfer courses)
- Completed the General Education Curriculum (GEC)
- Passed Praxis I or one of the alternatives listed below.

Testing Alternatives

Praxis I (Minimum Scores)

Reading	176
Writing	173
Math	173

Praxis I Combined Score

Reading/Writing/Math	522	Counts as Passing for Praxis I
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SAT Equivalents

Math + Verbal	1100	Exempt - all parts of Praxis I
Math	550	Exempt - Praxis I Math
Verbal	550	Exempt - Praxis I Reading, Writing

ACT Composite

	24	Exempt - all parts of Praxis I
Math	24	Exempt - Praxis I Math
Verbal	24	Exempt - Praxis I Reading, Writing

Documentation of official scores required.

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Print or Type Application

Only US Citizens who are legal residents of North Carolina are eligible to apply.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name _____ Male Female
First Middle Last

Birth Date ___/___/___ NCCU E-mail Address _____

Permanent Address _____
Street/Box City, State, Zip Code County

Local Address _____
Street/Box City, State, Zip Code County

Permanent Telephone Number (____) _____

Current, Local Telephone Number (____) _____

CURRENT STATUS

Classification Sophomore Junior Senior Cumulative GPA _____

Completed all GEC courses with a grade of "C" or better? _____

If no, explain on a separate piece of paper (typed or word processed).

Test Scores: SAT, ACT, or Praxis I **(provide a copy)**

SAT
Verbal _____ Math _____ Total (Verbal + Math) _____

ACT
Verbal _____ Math _____ Composite _____

Praxis I
Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Combined Score _____

LEGAL RESIDENCY

By my signature, I, the applicant, affirm that I qualify as a **legal resident, for purpose of domicile** (e.g., own property, registered to vote, pay state income taxes, etc.) in the state of North Carolina (General Statutes 116.11 (7) and 116-144) and **I am a U.S. Citizen.**

signature

**Burroughs Wellcome Foundation Scholarship
Recommendation Form**

A. To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant's Name _____ Date: _____

I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in confidence by officials at North Carolina Central University, and I hereby waive any rights I may have to examine it. Yes No

Applicant's Signature: _____

The applicant is applying for the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship provides an incentive for science and mathematics majors to enter the teaching profession and help "grow" more future scientists and mathematicians.

B. To be completed by the recommender:

1. Please provide information about how long and in what capacity have you known the candidate. Please give your honest assessment of this candidate's content knowledge and skills, as well as the candidate's likelihood of success in working with high school age students in public schools. Note any outstanding characteristics that will help us in making a decision about whether or not this candidate should receive this scholarship. *(You can write the recommendation on this page or on your own stationary. Be sure to sign any attached pages.)*
2. Please complete the other side of this form.

Part B. To be completed by the recommender.

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Unusual	Out-standing	Truly Exceptional	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe
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Intellectual potential							
Ability to work with others							
Creativity and imagination							
Maturity							
Dependability							
Self-confidence							
Communication skills -- oral							
Communication skills -- written							
Ability to analyze a problem and form a solution							
Motivation to teach							
Potential for teaching							

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement.

- highly recommended recommended with reservation
 recommended not recommended

Additional Comments (if needed):

_____ *Signature* _____ *(please print last name)* _____ *date*

Position: _____ with _____

Address: _____

Telephone number where you can be reached if we have any questions: _____

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Have you been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No

Have you entered a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, a plea of nolo contendere, or an Alford plea to a criminal charge? Yes No

Have you otherwise accepted responsibility for the commission of a crime?
 Yes No

Are there such criminal charges pending against you at this time? Yes No

Have you ever been dismissed, suspended, or placed on probation by any school?
 Yes No

If the answer to any of the five questions immediately above is “yes,” explain the circumstance below or on a separate sheet. *Please print your name, social security number, and sign and date this sheet, as well as any separate sheets. Attach related, official documentation of any offences and legal outcomes.*

Printed name

Signature

Social security #

Date

Application Deadline is October 1

All applicants must:

- *Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or greater*
- *Must be eligible for admission to the Teacher Education Program*
- *Submit two letters of recommendation from an advisor, instructor, program coordinator, or department chair in a sealed envelope*
- *Submit a FAFSA form through the Office of Scholarship and Student Aid*

Return completed application to:

*Project Coordinator
Burroughs Wellcome Foundation Scholarship
School of Education
712 Cecil Street, Suite 2004 Office F
Durham, NC 27707*

For more information please call 919-530-6677 or email ggparker@ncsu.edu or spencer@ncsu.edu