



Passport to Kindergarten Teacher Scholarship Application Guidelines

Purpose

Identify local preschool teachers who are committed to participate in ongoing professional development on dialogic reading and implement it to fidelity in their classrooms with the goal of improving oral language skills of their students.

Description

Approximately 17 Passport to Kindergarten scholarships for 2017-18 school year will be awarded to preschool teachers teaching preschool in a public school, Head Start center, or not-for-profit school/childcare setting. For details of the Passport to Kindergarten program please see attached summary sheet.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are teaching preschool in a public school districts, Head Start centers or not-for profit childcare schools/centers with at **least 50% of the students coming from economically disadvantaged families**. Applicants:

- view themselves as lifelong learners and are open to refining their instructional practices within their classrooms
- are knowledgeable about and committed to family involvement in the education of their preschool children
- are committed to ensuring that the families they serve have access to and feel welcomed in the educational and arts resources available in the Miami Valley region

How to Apply

To compete for the grant awards, eligible applicants must provide:

- A letter of interest (no more than 2 pages long) including
 - Previous training/experience with dialogic reading if any (not required)
 - Current instructional practices
 - Commitment to student families
 - Need to participate in the program
- Current resume with current day and evening time phone numbers and functional email address.
- Two (2) professional letters of support. One of these letters must be from the current administrator/director
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) attached here.
- Assurance statement from the Principal/Preschool Administrator on the school/center letterhead stating the teacher will be teaching preschool in the 2017-18 school year and the facility will submit all required PNC site clearance materials by June 1, 2017.

Deadline

Applications must be emailed to cheryl.kern@learntoearndayton.org **no later than 4:00 PM Friday, April 21, 2017.**

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Selection

The applications will be evaluated by a review panel comprised of Passport to Kindergarten partners and the Learn to Earn Dayton Advisory Cabinet with a follow up interview to be scheduled. Decisions will be communicated to the applicants by Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Participating teachers will be required to attend a Summer Institute held Monday through Thursday, June 12-15, 2017 and all monthly trainings and meetings held every first Monday of the month (September's meeting is 9-11-17). No participant shall miss more than two (2) sessions.
2. Approved scholars will be accepted for the site from which they apply at the time of this application. Should the candidate switch positions, the scholarship will discontinue.
3. Each participating teacher will receive a stipend of \$800 to be released in 2 installments (Dec 2017 and May 2018) upon completion of all MoU stated requirements.