



SCOTTSBLUFF SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

Para-to-Teacher Scholarship

PURPOSE: As part of our “Grow Our Own Teacher” Scholarship, the Para-to-Teacher Scholarship will give the District the opportunity to cultivate and participate in the training and education of current paraprofessionals or classified staff who wish to continue their education to become a licensed teacher. The goal of this program is to increase the number of certificated teacher applicants for our schools.

WHO: Any paraprofessional or classified staff member who is employed within the SBPS district is eligible to apply. A committee will review applications and recommend to the board approving two applicants per year.

WHAT: Paraprofessionals or classified staff identified as scholarship recipients will receive \$1,000 per semester (if enrolled in 12 or more credits), or \$500 per semester (if enrolled in fewer than 12 credits) toward their education degree through an accredited school. This scholarship is renewable for up to eight semesters. Recipients must submit their transcripts prior to each semester, demonstrating they are maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5, and a pace of graduating and attaining teacher licensure eligibility in no more than 4 years.

HOW: Applicant must be enrolled in an approved school in an education program that provides the required coursework and enrichment activities via online, face-to-face Zoom meetings, and on the job experiential learning, resulting in a Bachelor’s in Education Degree, and a Nebraska Teaching certificate. This is a great opportunity for SBPS paraprofessionals or classified staff to get their education degree AND work for the District without any travel required, while supporting the District with the educator shortage. Scholarship recipients must work a minimum of 15 hours per week or substitute teach an average of two days per week for the District throughout the duration of their scholarship.

Scholarship application and scoring rubric can be found at sbpsfoundation.com/scholarships
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