Frequently Asked Questions: Scholarship and Grants

1. Q: Do I need to fill out a FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?
   A: It is strongly recommended that you fill out the FASFA even if you are unsure if you qualify.

2. Q: Can I submit my Scholarship Application after the posted deadline?
   A: No; all applications are due on or before the posted deadline, NO EXCEPTIONS. It is important to remember that applications have to be processed by several parties in a timely manner so that scholarship recipients can be notified in time for registration fees and financial aid deadlines.

3. Q: Can I apply for a scholarship if I am not currently in the Teacher Credential Program but have or will be applying for the upcoming semester?
   A: Yes, you can apply for a College of Education Scholarship as a continuing or new student, and as a Credential Applicant, however; you must be accepted into the program as a student in order to actually receive scholarship funds. We will obtain your program acceptance before scholarships are awarded.

4. Q: Can I just go to page (2) with the Check Lists and follow those directions?
   A: No; Start on page one and READ the entire application so that you do not miss information. All information on the application is IMPORTANT. The information was included to help you submit a complete application. Applicants will NOT be contacted if all directions have not been followed or if your submitted application is not complete.

5. Q: Which scholarships require a SPECIFIC ESSAY?
   A: The following Scholarships require a special essay: Jane Ducey Memorial Scholarship; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Mildred Dawson Language Arts Scholarships; Nick Floratos Memorial Scholarship & the Shari Wright Daniels Memorial Scholarship. Essay requirements for the (4) scholarships are listed in the last section on page 2.

6. Q: Can I submit my materials separately?
   A: No; All materials are due on or before the posted deadline. Any material not included will be considered Incomplete.

7. Q: What if I don’t have my transcripts or Letters of Recommendation in time?
   A: We allow Unofficial Transcripts to make it more convenient for applicants; however, you should plan ahead so that you have them by the deadline. The same applies to Letters of Recommendation; you should always keep in mind that professors and other professionals have busy times and may need advance notice in order to provide you with a good letter, so plan ahead. Letters of Recommendation should be sent or given to the applicant and then put into the Application Packet. While we do not require sealed letters of recommendation they MUST be on letterhead, have an original signature and be attached to the form on page 4 of the application. Submit ALL required materials in your application packet – NO EXCEPTIONS.

8. Q: When I turn my application in, will someone look it over for me?
   A: We are not able to look at applications as they come in. We schedule specific times to process application materials. It is very important to follow the directions on the application and to use the provided check list(s). Reception staff WILL NOT review any applications when they are submitted.

9. Q: If I am selected as a Scholarship Recipient how am I notified and what happens next?
   A: If you are selected to receive a College of Education Scholarship you will be notified via email (be sure that you provide an email address that you monitor on a regular basis). You will receive an email with detailed instructions on the next steps with attached forms and a link to sign up for an orientation. You will be CONDITIONALLY selected until your eligibility is confirmed with the University’s Financial Aid Office. The entire process can take between 12 & 16 weeks.