



**The University of North Texas and the Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board
Roberto Alonzo Scholarship Program for Bilingual Education Candidates**

2013-2015 BIENNIUM

Scholarship Purpose and Application Procedures

Purpose of Program

The purpose of this scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to students to become teachers of bilingual education.

Scholarship Application Information

Bilingual education is an academic field and professional activity that requires specialized training. It includes language and literacy development, second language acquisition theory and methods, language and content instruction, culturally responsive pedagogy, research on exemplary practices in education, the use of technology, and working with students of limited English proficiency learning in two languages.

With a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) through the efforts of Representative Roberto R. Alonzo of the Dallas District 104, the UNT Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Program offers scholarships for tuition and fees for eligible students to prepare as bilingual teachers.

To qualify for the program, students must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program in Bilingual Education, must have financial need, must pass the BTLPT exam, and must have and maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA in the undergraduate or in the post baccalaureate/MET programs. Students who continue to meet the GPA criteria and successfully complete all coursework attempted may have their scholarship renewed each semester contingent on the availability of funds. Undergraduate students may receive up to \$4,000 per academic year and post baccalaureate/ MET students may receive up to \$3,000 per academic year according to enrollment in a minimum of six course credit hours during that year. Any unused funds by a student will be awarded to other students who meet the selection criteria.

UNT students must submit the documentation listed in the selection criteria to the Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Office, UNT, 1155 Union Circle #310740, Denton, TX 76203 or fax it to 940-565-4952, or email it as attachments to Rossana.boyd@unt.edu. For additional information direct inquiries can be made to Dr. Rossana Boyd, Director, Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Programs, rossana.boyd@unt.edu or Tel. 940-565-2933.

If awarded, the Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Office will notify the student of the award amount based on coursework enrollment and determination from the Office of Financial Aid. The amount will be posted as pending aid in the student's account. The funds will be disbursed after the 12th day of classes in case there is a need to adjust the amount due to course drops or additions. During enrollment in the certification program students are expected to submit passing scores of the BTLPT exam and become a member of the Bilingual/ESL Student Organization (BESO). Students must notify the Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Program about certification attainment and teaching placement after completing the bilingual education certification program.

Selection Criteria Checklist for Eligibility for a Roberto Alonzo Scholarship

To qualify for a scholarship award the Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Office will verify that the student submitted the following documentation:

- Copy of most recent unofficial transcripts to:
 - verify junior, senior, post baccalaureate/MET standing in the Bilingual Education Certification Program
 - verify minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Copy of the application for financial aid (FAFSA) of the academic year of the scholarship that indicates financial need;
- Copy of passing scores of the Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT) if available;
- Completed scholarship application form;
- Legal residency or U.S. citizenship, and Texas eligible for in-state tuition; and
- Copy of verification of membership in the Bilingual/ESL Student Organization (BESO) in August 2014.



Roberto Alonzo Scholarship Program for Bilingual Education Students

APPLICATION FORM

Student ID Number: _____ Academic Year: _____ or Semester: _____

Student's Name: _____

Permanent Address: (Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-Mail: (UNT) _____ (Other) _____

- I certify that I am ____junior, ____senior, ____Post bac student or MET degree student (check one)
- I certify that my transcripts verify that I have been admitted to UNT's Bilingual Education Certification Program at the UNT at Dallas campus ____ or a the UNT Denton campus ____ (check one);
- I certify that my transcripts verify that I have a ____cumulative GPA on a four point scale at the time of this application;
- I certify that I am a legal resident or US citizen residing in Texas eligible for in-state tuition;
- I certify that I am submitting a copy of my 2014-2015 FAFSA application;
- I certify that I am submitting passing scores of the BTLPT exam____, practice exam____ or I will take the exam on _____(indicate exact date);
- I certify that I was a member of the Bilingual/ESL Student Organization (BESO) in Denton or Dallas in 2013-2014 _____ and plan to renew my membership when the new academic year begins in August 2014;
- I certify that the information reported in this application is accurate and correct.

Note: A student submitting misleading or fraudulent information to the University of North Texas or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in an attempt to obtain financial aid is subject to prosecution.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please submit this completed application and the required documentation **before or on July 15th, 2014 by 5:00 PM CST** Attn: Dr. Rossana Boyd
University of North Texas, Bilingual/ESL Teacher Certification Office
1155 Union Circle #310740, Denton, TX 76203-5017, or fax to 940-565-4952, or email application and attachments to rossana.boyd@unt.edu