



NABE Bilingual Teacher Scholarship Application

The purpose of the NABE Bilingual Teacher Scholarship is to provide support to university students pursuing a career in bilingual education. The applications will be reviewed by the NABE Board. The 2015 award amount is \$2000. The José Martí Scholarship will contribute \$1000 of the \$2000 scholarship. The entire award will be sent to the recipient's postsecondary institution as a tuition contribution. The scholarship award will be announced during the annual NABE 2015 conference.

A. Eligibility Criteria – Applicants must:

1. Be current members of NABE or submit the membership application and fee along with the scholarship application.
2. Have full proficiency in English and one other language that is used as a medium of instruction and/or that is the primary language of students in the public schools.
3. Be enrolled in a college/university with a declared major leading to a teaching credential in bilingual education.
4. Be committed to pursuing a career in serving bilingual, dual language, and/or multilingual children.
5. Have a 3.0 or higher GPA at the time of application for the scholarship.
6. Preference is given to students with financial need.

B. Application Process – Please submit the completed application (items 1-4) to Dr. Yee Wan no later than **December 18, 2014** (postmarked date).

1. Application form
2. A minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation: these must be original letters, each written on letterhead, signed, dated, postmarked no later than December 18, 2014. You may fax the letters, but the original letters must be mailed before the application can be considered.
Note: One letter of recommendation **must** be from a **current** reference (e.g., professor, teacher, program coordinator, principal, etc.).
3. Personal essay:
Describe your commitment to becoming a bilingual teacher and your need to receive this scholarship. What are your goals as a bilingual teacher? Why do you think it is important to have bilingual/multilingual education programs? (approx. 350 words)
4. Proof of enrollment in a bilingual teacher education program (attach a copy of your most recent transcripts to the application).

A subcommittee of the NABE Executive Board will review and verify the information submitted, including letters of recommendations.

***Note:** Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria or submit an incomplete application package will not be considered for the award. All personal information will be strictly confidential.

