PARAEDUCATOR TO TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will the Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship be available?
A: The program is in effect only when the legislature approves funding.

Q: Who may apply for this scholarship?
A: PETTS funds are available to paraeducators with fewer than 60 credits or up to an associate's degree (first two years of higher education). Those with a bachelors' degree or more are not eligible. A Paraeducator who delivers instruction under the direct supervision of a teacher AND works at least 10 hours per week in an area where there is a shortage of qualified teachers, such as special education, Title I, English as a second language, reading remediation, math or science may apply.

Q: How may I apply for a scholarship?
A: You may download the application from the USOE website, http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Paraeducators.aspx , complete the scholarship application form, acquire signature from your principal, charter school or district human resource administrator certifying employment for the upcoming school year.

Q: What is the deadline for applications?
A: Scholarship applications must be to the principal/charter school administrator/district HR administrator by May 1 then to the USOE no later than May 15. It is the responsibility of the Paraeducator to have the application with transcripts to Barbara Bickmore at the Utah State Office of Education, P.O. Box 144200, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-4200 on or before May 15.

Q: How much will the scholarship pay for?
A: A state committee determines the amount of the individual scholarships based on the amount funded by the Utah State Legislature. Scholarships are not to exceed $5,000 up to 60 credit hours over two years.

Q: What can the scholarship be used for?
A: It is to be used for actual costs of tuition and fees toward the first two years (not to exceed 60 credit hours) of an associate's or bachelor's degree leading to educator licensing.

Q: How will I know if I have received the scholarship?
A: Recipients will be notified by e-mail by June 5.

Q: What if I am a part-time employee? Do I still qualify for the scholarship?
A: The applicant must be employed as a Paraeducator a minimum of ten hours per week at the time of application and during the upcoming school year.

Q: Do I have to already be taking classes at a college or university?
A: The scholarship is intended for paraeducators with less than 60 credit hours who **either have been admitted or made application** to a Utah institution of higher education.

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?
A: You may e-mail Barbara Bickmore at USOE barbara.bickmore@schools.utah.gov .

PARAEDUCATOR TO TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

☐ NEW REQUEST ☐ PRIOR RECIPIENT SCHOOL YEAR 20_____-20_____

DISTRICT/CHARTER:	SCHOOL:	
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Phone:	Other:	E-mail:

CURRENT PARAEDUCATOR ASSIGNMENT

What is your current assignment?

Spec Ed: ☐ Y ☐ N	Title I: ☐ Y ☐ N	ESL: ☐ Y ☐ N	Other:

How many hours per week do you work:

EDUCATION STATUS

Name of UTAH college/university to which you have been admitted or applied:

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT DESCRIBES YOUR CURRENT ENROLLMENT STATUS IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

☐ Submitted application ☐ Have been admitted ☐ Currently enrolled & attending (attach original transcripts)

Number of credit hours completed:

Highest level of previous college experience:	☐ None ☐ Less than 60 credit hours (2 yrs) ☐ Associates Degree	When do you anticipate completing your degree?

List other funding (i.e., scholarships, grants, federal aid) you are or will be receiving:

List amount of predicted tuition expenses for the school year:

What are your general duties as a paraeducator?

Describe your future professional goals:

TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Confirmation of employment for upcoming school year:

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Principal/Charter School Admin or Human Resource Representative Date

*** * * IMPORTANT INFORMATION * * ***

Mail completed application with transcript to:

Attn: Barbara Bickmore, Utah State Office of Education, 250 East 500 South, P.O. Box 144200

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200 / E-mail barbara.bickmore@schools.utah.gov