



## Professional Educator Scholarship

**Description:** The Professional Educator Scholarship is a scholarship designed to provide tuition assistance to professional educators. The Professional Educator Scholarship is not a scholarship for student teachers, but is primarily aimed at those teachers who are taking graduate coursework (Master, Ed Specialist, PhD) or seeking alternative certification from an accredited university or alternative certification program.

**Deadline:** July 15<sup>th</sup> / Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

### Eligibility/Guidelines:

- A+PEL membership is not a requirement, but preference will be given to members.
- If selected as a scholarship recipient, The applicant agrees that he/she will not receive funds until fee payment receipts from the attending university are submitted to the A+PEL office along with documentation of course completion (e.g. transcript).
- The applicant is currently an employee of a Louisiana school and plans on returning to a Louisiana school for one year after completing coursework funded through this scholarship.
- The applicant agrees to notify the A+PEL state office immediately if he/she is unable to fulfill his/her obligations under this scholarship program. In this event, he/she forfeits his/her scholarship for the award period, with the understanding that he/she may reapply for award the following academic year.
- If selected, the applicant will be available to receive this award publically at a faculty meeting, school board meeting, or A+PEL conference. The venue will ultimately be determined by the representative giving the award and such aspects as convenience for the recipient, permission of the school/district, and the number of individuals awarded in a district will be taken into account.
- The Essay document must include a cover page listing the name, date, and location of the workshop, seminar, training, or conference you wish to attend. The pages after the cover page must contain an essay, of 500 words or less. The applicant must directly answer and label each of the four rubric sections within their essay. For example, criteria could be answered in separate paragraphs or placed as bold headings in a paragraph. Refer to the sample application on the A+PEL website for further formatting recommendations.
- The applicant must conform to standard rules of grammar in their application. Applications lacking in basic grammar will be disqualified regardless of other merits.
- Applicants can be awarded only one A+PEL award within a 365 day time period. This rule has been established to provide for additional opportunities amongst our growing member base.

**Amount:** The scholarship has an upper limit of 750 dollars within a school year (fall, spring, and/or summer terms).