

SMM Scholarship Information

Thank you for your interest in Show Me Multiliteracy!
We're looking forward to an amazing, successful program!

If you are chosen to receive one of the twenty-six Cohort 2 scholarships, you will receive tuition, fees, books, and instructional coaching to achieve the 30-credit requirement for state K-12 ELL endorsement.

Before filling out the Scholarship Application, please consider the following:

1. We are seeking applicants who are dedicated to creating welcoming classrooms and schools for multilingual students and their families and who are willing to advocate for equity in the education of English learners.
2. Most courses in this program are 8-week accelerated courses, meaning, the amount of work in these courses is the same as a 16-week course, but the work is condensed into half the time. You can expect to spend an average of 6-10 hours per week in each course doing graduate level study. In addition, the courses are all online, which requires sustained, intrinsic motivation from you to succeed.
3. Successful completion of this program will require that you check your MSU email regularly and meet deadlines for the grant and course assignments.
4. You may be required to return books and repay tuition if you drop out of the program. In some cases, if you drop a course without following the agreed process, the University may charge you directly, and the grant scholarship will not cover the tuition for that course.
5. In this program, you will learn best practices for instructing multilingual students, and classes include coursework which will require work with English learners. In addition, the practicum course may be completed while you are employed full-time in a teaching position with English learners in the class.
6. The purpose of the program is to provide highly qualified teachers for multilingual learners in the partner districts. The expectation is that you will remain in your current district for at least two years after completing this program and—preferably—much longer.
7. Finally, please review the SMM Scholarship Eligibility requirements.

Step 1. Apply to the TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Grad Certificate Online Program. Entrance Criteria:

- hold current Missouri teacher certification
- have English Learners in classroom or in current school context
- meet requirements for MSU English department graduate admission
- hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum 2.75
- complete GRADCAS application process
- submit official transcripts to MSU graduate college
- request a DESE Deficiency Report for the Missouri K-12 ELL endorsement
- send copy of the DESE Deficiency Report to the SMM team

Step 2. If eligible, apply for the Show Me Multiliteracy Scholarship. Eligibility criteria:

Applicants who meet all eligibility criteria will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee for consideration to receive a scholarship.

- accepted into the TESOL Graduate Certificate Online Program or meets all requirements
- earned a minimum of 2.75 GPA but preference given to those with a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- employed by a partner district listed below: (Note: *Leaving employment at a partner district school may result in loss of continued scholarship funding.*)
 - Branson
 - Kansas City Public Schools
 - Monett
 - Neosho
 - NKC
 - SPS
- submit a signed form from a school administrator confirming continued access to work with English learners for the duration of the scholarship program
- submit a professional letter of recommendation from a colleague or administrator addressing the applicant's qualifications to complete this program as well as observations of the applicant's dispositions to effectively work with multilingual students and engage with their families
- complete the personal statement of purpose that the applicant is prepared to meet the rigors of the graduate program
- complete all application steps and, if granted the scholarship, submit in a timely manner all forms and surveys required for the purposes of the SMM federal grant



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Application deadline is March 1, 2024

Please email the finished application to ShowMeMultiliteracy@missouristate.edu

Subject line should include SMM C2 Scholarship Application – First and Last Name

Applicant Information			MSU M# _____	
Last Name		First Name		
Street Address		City	State	Zip Code
Contact Phone Number	School Email Address			
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Alternate Email Address				

Undergraduate Studies Information		
Institution	City	State
Major	Minor	Year of completion

Credential Information		
Credential Type	Subject Area(s)	Expiration Date(s)

Graduate Studies Information		
<i>Please complete this section if you have completed a post-baccalaureate certification, a prior graduate degree, or have a graduate degree in progress.</i>		
Institution	City	State
Degree	Concentration	Completion date

What are the most important aspects of providing multilingual learners with an engaged education?

Please write an interest statement that includes answers, but is not limited to, the following questions: Why do you want to be part of the Show Me Multiliteracy program? What is your experience in the field of education and/or in teaching English learners? What do you plan to do with the degree once you have it? (300 to 500 words)



Confirmation Form

Applicant Information:

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Employment Information:

District Name

School Name

Position

Administrator Information:

Name

Position

Phone Number

Email Address

To be completed by an administrator:

- Applicant currently works with English learners.
- Applicant will continue to work with English learners for the duration of the scholarship program.

Comments:

Administrator Name Printed:

Administrator Signature:

Date: