

FALL 2004 TUITION AWARD FOR K-12 PARAPROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

Purpose

- Encourage SD K-12 paraprofessionals to pursue academic coursework in order to establish highly qualified status for the No Child Left Behind Act
- Encourage SD K-12 paraprofessionals to enroll in associate degree programs which matriculate to baccalaureate degrees in education thus providing opportunities for upward mobility
- Encourage SD K-12 paraprofessionals to enroll in academic coursework that meets program requirements for other associate degrees or other baccalaureate degrees
- Provide access to professional development for K-12 paraprofessionals

Who is eligible and what courses can be taken?

- All K-12 paraprofessionals employed to provide instructional support services during the 2004-05 school term in a South Dakota public or private school. Paraprofessionals in Head Start or Early Start programs or in K-12 district-sponsored pre-schools are also eligible for the scholarship.
- See distance education curriculum for Fall 2004 at <http://www.hpcnet.org/euc/paraprofessionals> or visit <http://www.sdbor.edu/euc/>
- These courses are not eligible for the Teacher Tuition Reduction Program (SDCL §§ 13-55-23 and 13-55-24 through 13-55-28).

The *EveryTeacher* Tuition Award may only be applied to courses offered at one of South Dakota's six public universities or online through the Electronic University Consortium (EUC) of South Dakota.

The award cannot be applied towards coursework that is already subsidized with reduced tuition (Board of Regents externally funded tuition rate).

Award Amount

- \$100 per undergraduate credit hour for either self-support or state support courses chosen from the above paraprofessional curriculum **for up to \$600 for 6 undergraduate credit hours per semester/term of enrollment.**
- Recipient enrolls in course(s) and pays full tuition to the institution. Upon receipt of a W-9 form and verification of course completion, the Board of Regents Office will reimburse the recipient for the amount of the award.

Application

- See attached Award Application
- Contact Victoria Falk, victoriaf@sdbor.edu, 605/773-3455 for W-9 form.
- Submission of Award Application and W-9 form to:

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APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2004 WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

TUITION AWARD APPLICATION – FALL 2004

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Phone _____

K-12 School _____

Grade Level Assignment _____

Subject Assignment _____

In priority order, complete information for the course(s) in which you would enroll. (See curriculum) **The award is for up to 6 undergraduate credit hours during Fall 2004 term.**

Prefix	Number	Institution	Course Title	Credit Hrs

I have taken (or will take this year) the ETS ParaPro exam.

Yes No

I have attended a TTL paraprofessional academy.

Yes No

Identify any monetary support that you expect to receive from your employing school district to complete these courses.

The signature below indicates that I am employed full-time as a paraprofessional providing instructional support services during 2004-05 in a South Dakota K-12 public or private school.

Signature _____

Date _____

TUITION AWARD APPLICATION CONTINUED FALL 2004

Please provide a response to the question below in the space provided.

How can paraprofessionals support the classroom teacher's instruction?