



Arkansas Retired Teachers Association

Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grant – Application Guidelines

ARTA awards the Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants each year to Arkansas public school employees for the purpose of furthering their own education.

Certified Eligibility

1. Applicant must be currently employed as an educator in an Arkansas public school.
2. Applicant must be working towards a specific graduate degree, endorsement or certification.
3. Previous applicants may reapply.
4. Requests for funds to pay off student debt are not eligible.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Academic record
2. Teaching performance
3. Innovation
4. Community service/extracurricular activity
5. Financial need

Classified Eligibility

1. Applicant must have three (3) years current employment at an Arkansas public school.
2. Applicant must have at least three (3) years of service credit in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.
3. Applicant must have at least 15 credit hours in an accredited college.
4. Applicant must be working toward an Arkansas teaching license.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Academic record
2. Education plan and philosophy
3. School/community involvement
4. Financial need

Application Process

1. Applications must be completed online at www.artanow.com/scholarships between March 15 and June 15.
2. Supporting documents should be uploaded as part of the application when possible.
3. Please call 501-375-2958 for instructions for having electronic transcripts sent directly to ARTA.

Competitive Award Process

1. Applications are reviewed by a committee of ARTA members.
2. Awards are made to applicants with the highest scores according to the evaluation criteria.
3. All applicants will receive a letter confirming the status of their application.
4. Awards are presented to recipients by appointment, preferably at a meeting within the local school district.

For additional information, contact the ARTA office at 501-375-2958

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