

**The Arnie Cutler Scholarship for Mathematics Course Work for Middle Grades Teachers
Supported by the MCTM Foundation and MCTM**

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to provide financial support for improving teachers' understanding of mathematics by completing course work in mathematics. Scholarships with a maximum of \$800 each will be awarded to persons currently teaching in grades 6 – 8. Mathematics content is the focus of this scholarship, thus primary consideration will be given to appropriate mathematics content courses. Mathematics education courses and workshop-style experiences may also qualify if they include a strong content emphasis and if a suitable rationale is provided by the applicant. Proposals must address the following: rationale for the coursework, anticipated instructional improvements, and expected impact on student learning.

Requirements: An applicant must be a current MCTM member, must have at least three years of mathematics teaching experience, and must intend to continue in the teaching profession. Courses are to be completed between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011.

Application deadline: All application materials must be received by March 31, 2010. Only complete applications will be considered. Applicants will be notified of the award committee's decision by May 15, 2010. Note: This personal award may be subject to income taxes.

Application process:

I. Complete the application cover sheet and submit it, with photo, via regular mail to: MCTM Foundation, c/o MCTM, PO Box 289, Wayzata, MN 55391

II. Prepare the following additional documents. These may be submitted electronically, as attached WORD documents, to foundation@mctm.org, or sent as hard copy via regular mail to: MCTM Foundation, c/o MCTM, PO Box 289, Wayzata, MN 55391

A. Proposal (Three pages maximum)

- Describe your need for further course work in mathematics.
- Describe the course(s) you plan to take to address that need. Include institution, full course title, catalogue description and number of credits for each course.
- Include full course title and catalogue description for each post-graduate mathematics course you have already completed, along with the number of credits for each completed course.
- Describe how completing the proposed courses will help you improve your teaching and affect your students' learning.
- Include an itemized budget (presented by line item in a table format). Funds may be used for tuition, books, supplies, transportation, and other expenses related to achieving the goals of the proposal. Indicate any expenses that will be paid by stipends, other scholarships, or school or district support.

B. Background and Experience (Two pages maximum; outline format preferred)

- Formal Education: Give the institution, type of degree, major, minor and dates completed.
- Teaching Experience related to this proposal. List the school(s), teaching assignments and dates that accurately portray your teaching career.

- Continuing Education and Professional Activities: List a few professional development activities in the last three years, for example workshops, conferences, classes, that have helped you to become a better mathematics teacher.
- Professional memberships: List your professional organization memberships and any offices held, committee service, etc.

III. Administrator's Letter of Support. This letter must be on school or district letterhead, signed by the administrator, and submitted via regular mail by the application deadline to the MCTM Foundation address shown above. This letter cannot be submitted electronically. The letter must include:

- strong support for the proposal;
- verification of teaching status.

IV. Final Report Requirements:

- Awardees will be required to submit a brief (no more than two pages) report to the Foundation in the form of a letter, a presentation at a Foundation event, an article for MathBits, or a presentation at an MCTM Conference.
- Half of the approved budget, not to exceed \$400, will be paid at the beginning of the project. The remainder will be paid on receipt of a final report and verified expenses (with receipts) related to the proposal.

For more information contact Bill Johnson, Foundation Governing Board chair,
wedge1973@yahoo.com

Application Cover Sheet
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Name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail(s) _____

Current teaching assignment: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

School phone: _____

School's home page (if available): _____

Minnesota licensure expiration: _____

Grade level(s) _____

Subject(s) _____

Years of mathematics teaching experience (including 2009 – 10) _____

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must have at least 3 years' experience.

Are you an MCTM member? _____ Are you an NCTM member? _____

Administrator who will write the letter of support for this application:

Name _____

Position _____

A recent 'head-shot' photo of the applicant must accompany this application.

Signature Required: I grant permission to the MCTM Foundation to use my name, proposal details, and photographs for publicity purposes.

_____ Date _____