



School Library & Information Technologies Program

Building Leaders Graduate Scholarship Application Form

This application form and your attached essay will be used to determine if you will receive a federally-funded scholarship equal to 50 percent (**Leader50**) or 75 percent (**Leader75**) of tuition charged by Mansfield University. In addition, students applying for the 75 percent scholarships must complete a FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov which will be used to determine financial need.

Contact Information

Date of Application:

Name of Applicant:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Personal Email Address:

Current Employer:

Employer Address:

Employer Phone:

Name of an Employer Contact to Verify Information:

Your current job position/title:

Your Work Address:

Work Phone Number:

Work Email Address:

Enrollment & Eligibility Status

Only certified teachers who lack school library media certification may apply. Applicants must be accepted by Mansfield University in the School Library & Information Technologies graduate school to earn a Master's of Education degree with school library certification (Graduate Code 331). Check all that apply.

- I am a certified teacher in the state of _____.
 - I am working in a school library without school library media certification or on emergency certification.
 - I am in the process of applying to the Mansfield University School Library & Information Technologies Graduate Program as a degree-seeking student.
 - I have been accepted in the Master's of Education and teaching certification program as a degree-seeking student of the Mansfield University School Library & Information Technologies Graduate Program.
 - I am only requesting a **Leader 50** Scholarship and I will not be submitting a FAFSA.
- OR**
- I would like to be considered for the **Leader75** and I am in the process of completing the FAFSA to determine which level of scholarship I am eligible for.

Leader Scholarship Criteria

Applicants' scholarship eligibility will be determined according to the following criteria as well as the content of the 1-2 page essay that must accompany this form. Complete item 6 only if you wish to be considered for a **Leader75**.

1. Cultural or Ethnic Diversity (Check all that apply)

- African American
- Latino/Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American/Alaskan Native

2. Gender

Male _____ Female _____

3. Under-Served, High-Need Geographic Areas

Answer the following for the school district in which you are employed. If you are not employed, answer these questions for the school district in which you live.

_____ I work in the school district of data supplied below.

_____ I live in the school district of data supplied below.

_____ I am not currently employed in a school district.

_____ **Work in a “poor” school district (Fill in the blanks below.)**

_____ percent of free and reduced-price lunch eligibility

(NOTE: You will need to obtain this information from the school district. In your essay, you may elaborate on the school’s participation in various federally subsidized programs that are based on socio-economic need, such as the Child Nutrition Program which includes the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Nutrition Education & Training Program.)

_____ percent of students from families with incomes below poverty

_____ **Work in a small school district**

Student population of district = _____

(NOTE: A “small” school district is defined as having less than 1500 students in the K-12 population.)

_____ **Work in a rural school district**

Population per square mile = _____

(NOTE: A “rural” school district is defined as having less than 100 persons per square mile within school district boundaries.)

_____ **Work in an inner city environment**

Specify city: _____

4. Proximity to a Degree-granting, Library Science University

_____ Identify the closest university offering a graduate degree in library science

_____ Number of miles in driving distance (one way) from above-named university

5. Administrator Who Will Enroll in the School Library Advocacy Course

Recruitment of an administrator increases your scholarship chances. The principal or administrator does not need to be your building principal or employed within your district. Full information on this short online course is available at <http://libweb.mansfield.edu/leaders/principals.asp>.

Name of Principal/Administrator:

Present Job title/Position:

Work Address:

Work Phone Number:

Work Email Address:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number:

Personal Email Address:

I, _____ agree to enroll in Mansfield University's online course, formerly titled "School Library Advocacy for Administrators," newly revised and titled "Leveraging School Libraries to Improve Student Learning." I understand that the program which is offered in the summers and occasionally during the school year requires me to access and participate in four online modules. The program will run approx. five weeks. Anonymous pre and post surveys will be administered for research purposes. Upon completion, I will receive \$500 for professional development activities to improve the school library program of my school. There will be no fees charged to me or my school for participation in this program.

6. Financial Need

If you are applying for **Leader75**, check below, answer the following question, and file a FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

_____ I completed the online FAFSA on _____ and requested that the results be sent to Mansfield University.

_____ I am in the process of submitting the FAFSA online.

7. Other Tuition Reimbursement & Scholarship Plans

If you are receiving any other scholarship support or your school district or current employer financially reimburses you for part of or all graduate tuition for these school library courses, please explain the level of support or reimbursement below.

Application Essay

Attach a one to two-page essay describing why you believe that you qualify for a Building Leaders Graduate Scholarship and why you wish to become a school library media specialist. Please add any relevant information to the criteria of high-need geographic area and financial need as may be needed for clarification.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM BY JUNE 1, 2009, TO:

Debra E. Kachel
15 Conestoga Road
Lancaster, PA 17602

FAFSA forms are completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please fax the page with the EFC number on it to 717-393-4760 ATTN Debra Kachel or mail a copy to her (address above).

Refer Scholarship questions to:
Deb Kachel, Grant Administrator at dkachel@mansfield.edu or 717-393-6205

Refer Admissions questions to:
Brain Barden, Director of Admissions at gradapp@mnsfld.edu or 800-577-6826

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