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Special Education Technician Program
Micro Scholarship Information

Certification Central has micro scholarship available for the Special Education Technician Program. A micro scholarship is designed to cover the cost of one module and lab. Additional micro scholarships can be earned for subsequent modules and labs if the candidate is able to demonstrate commitment and competence. Essentially, these micro scholarships are performance-based. If the candidate performs well in this program, the candidate is awarded more micro scholarships.

How It Works

Upon receiving full admission into the Special Education Technician program, a candidate will be issued one micro scholarship to pay for the first module and lab (worth a total of 5 credits: 3 for the module, 2 for the lab). Additional micro scholarships will be issued if the candidate meets the following criteria for each module *and* lab:

1. completes the module *and* lab within 12 weeks or less; and
2. earns a 3.00 Connecting GPA or higher on both the module and lab.

The total number of micro scholarships earned is based on the candidate's performance. For example, if a candidate completes every module and lab within the 12 week timeframe and earns a 3.0 Connecting GPA or higher, a micro scholarship will have been issued to cover the tuition cost of the entire program. However, if a candidate does not complete a module and/or a lab within 12 weeks and/or does not earn the target competency of 3.0, the cost of the next module and/or lab will not be covered with a micro scholarship. The candidate assumes this financial responsibility. But, if the candidate can finish the module and/or lab that they are paying for within 12 weeks and with a 3.0 or higher, a micro scholarship will be awarded for the next module and/or lab. Please note that the module and lab are considered separate microscholarships, so the criteria must be met for both the module and lab (see scenario below). *The micro scholarship criteria will not be adjusted nor exceptions made*.

There is no micro scholarship application to be completed. If you meet the aforementioned criteria, you will be awarded a micro scholarship. It is that simple!

Candidates are responsible for the cost of textbooks/course materials. Candidates should consider asking their school district or special education unit for assistance at covering this cost.

Example Scenario

A candidate completes a module and lab within the 12-week timeframe. The module grade is a 3.5 competency, but the lab grade is 2.0 competency. In this scenario, the candidate met both requirements for the module but not for the lab. The candidate will be issued another micro scholarship for the next module, but not for the next lab. The candidate will be financially responsible for the cost of the next lab. However, if the candidate completes the next module and lab within the time frame and with a 3.0 GPA or higher in both, the candidate will be awarded micro scholarships for the next module and lab.

Acceptance Requirement

The micro scholarships are made available through Project Pipeline which is funded through the Bush Foundation. Upon acceptance of the scholarship, you are required to participate in the grant's evaluation. The Bush Foundation requires an evaluation to determine outcomes.