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RE: Noyce Project LEARN, Scholars application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for requesting an application to become part of the community of *SDSU Noyce Scholars in Science Teaching (NOYCE PROJECT LEARN)*. We are delighted that you are interested in applying to the program. The goals of this prestigious scholarship* are

- to recruit strong science majors into teaching, AND
- to support highly qualified science majors into becoming effective science teachers through their participation in SDSU's single subject credential program and through experiences that continue once teachers begin full-time teaching.

This program provides Noyce Scholars with a scholarship* of \$10,000, reimbursement of up to \$500 of SDSU credential-application fees that applicants receive whether or not they are selected as Scholars, and many opportunities to improve their science teaching practice both during and after the teacher credential program.

On the next few pages you will find instructions and materials needed for applying for the Scholarship. Please be sure to review the entire application and, in particular, *Section C: Eligibility Requirements*, prior to working on the application. See Noyce.sdsu.edu to find out when review of applications will begin. **Mail materials to:**

Dr. Lisa Lamb
CRMSE
6475 Alvarado Road, Suite 206
San Diego, CA 92120

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Lamb (Lisa.Lamb@sdsu.edu) or 619-594-5130. For additional information, please check the project website at noyce.sdsu.edu. We are looking forward to working with a thoughtful group of prospective teachers.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lamb
Donna Ross

Meredith Houle Vaughn
Kathy Williams

David Pullman

* Note that this scholarship/loan requires 2 years of science teaching in a public school in a high-need district, for example, San Diego Unified, Grossmont Union, Sweetwater Union. If this condition is met, the scholarship/loan is "forgiven" and no repayment is required.

Item A. Application checklist, SDSU Noyce Scholars: PROJECT LEARN

***SDSU Noyce Scholars:
NOYCE PROJECT LEARN in Science
Review of Applications begins on February 13, 2015.***

Application Checklist

To apply for this program, submit items A-D listed below.

- A. This checklist, confirming that all items are included in this packet.
- B. Applicant Information Sheet
- C. Confirmation of Eligibility
- D. Essay Response, listed in Section D of this application packet. The essay should be 1-2 double-spaced pages.

Mail items A-D in one application packet to:

**Dr. Lisa Lamb
Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education
6475 Alvarado Rd. Suite 206
San Diego, CA 92120**

Note that we will also review your SDSU Credential application as a part of the Scholarship selection process. We will conduct interviews with the most highly qualified applicants.

Item B. Applicant Information Sheet, SDSU Noyce Scholars: PROJECT LEARN

Name _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

SDSU Red ID Number _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

SDSU Major _____

Intended Month/Year of SDSU graduation _____

Item C. Confirmation of Eligibility, SDSU Noyce Scholars: PROJECT LEARN

Noyce Scholars must

- have graduated from SDSU with a major in science or engineering;
- have applied and if accepted, plan to attend to SDSU’s teacher credential program;
- agree to having their application to the SDSU credential program reviewed as part of the Noyce Scholarship Review Process;
- commit to teaching science for at least two years in a public school in a high-need school district;**
- commit to responding to surveys and other requests for information, and participate in learning opportunities during and after the credential program; and
- be a United States citizen, national, or permanent resident alien.

Requirement	Your Response
I graduated/will graduate from SDSU with a major in science or engineering.	Major _____ Year of Graduation from SDSU _____
I applied to SDSU’s teacher credential program and, if accepted, I plan to attend.	___ YES, I applied to, and if accepted, plan to attend SDSU’s credential program. ___ OTHER. Explain: _____
I understand that reviewers of this Scholarship will also review my credential program application as a part of the Scholarship review process.	___ YES, I understand. ___ OTHER. Explain: _____
I understand that if I am accepted as a Noyce Scholar, I will receive a \$10,000 scholarship/loan. The \$10,000 does not need to be repaid if I teach for two years in a public school in a high-need district.**	___ YES, I understand. ___ OTHER. Explain: _____
I understand that I will need to respond to surveys and requests for information and participate in learning opportunities during and after the credential program.	___ YES, I understand. ___ OTHER. Explain: _____
I am a United States citizen, national, or permanent resident alien	Select <u>one</u> of the following three choices: ___ United States citizen ___ National ___ Permanent resident alien

My signature below indicates that the information provided in the table is accurate.

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

**The district should be identified as a high-need district in that at least *one* of its schools has a high percentage of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line, for example San Diego Unified.

Item D. Essay Response, SDSU Noyce Scholars: PROJECT LEARN

To help the selection committee get to know you better, please respond to the following question. Your response to the question should be 1-2 double-spaced pages. As a reminder, the committee will also review your responses to the essays provided in your SDSU credential program application, as well as the other documents you provided as part of your credential program application (including but not limited to your transcripts, letters of reference, GPA, major, and so on).

Why do you want to become a science teacher?