



Program Overview

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program is made possible through a sizable grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The purpose is to recruit and graduate more STEM teacher candidates. The grant will provide **two-year scholarships** to biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics majors who simultaneously earn a Secondary Teacher Certification.

Noyce Scholars will receive scholarships of up to **\$20,000 per year** in their junior and senior years, with supplemental scholarship funds available should additional courses be needed to complete their course requirements.

Noyce Scholars must commit to teach full-time in a high-need school as a STEM teacher for two years for each scholarship year.

Application Requirements

Please submit:

- a brief cover letter introducing yourself as a Noyce Scholar applicant
- a complete application that includes:
 - applicant information (see Section I: Applicant Information)
 - a typed essay (see Section II: Essay)
 - two reference forms completed by those who can attest to your academic background, leadership, and potential to teach math/science in a high-need school (see Section III: Recommendations)
 - a completed applicant confirmation form (see Section V: Applicant Confirmation)
 - an unofficial college transcript (applicants must possess a 3.0 GPA or higher) (include with completed application packet)
 - a current program evaluation form (include with completed application packet)

Please submit this completed application to:

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Chair, Education Department
Lycoming College
700 College Place
Campus Box 22
Williamsport, PA 17701
Office: Academic Center D-208
hickoff@lycoming.edu
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Section I: Applicant Information

Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Home Address:

Street *City* *State* *Zip*

Email Address: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Current Overall GPA: _____ Current Major GPA: _____

Program:

- Biology with Grades 7-12 Teacher Certification
- Chemistry with Grades 7-12 Teacher Certification
- Mathematics with Grades 7-12 Teacher Certification
- Physics with Grades 7-12 Teacher Certification

Academic Advisor(s): _____

Section II: Essay

Please attach a typed essay that specifically addresses 1) an important experience from your own education and how this experience will inform your work as a teacher, 2) your interest in teaching in high-need schools, 3) any experiences you have had that might be relevant, and 4) your understanding of what your commitment to teach in a high-need school system would entail for you. **The essay should be double-spaced, 12 point font, and no more than 3 pages.**

Section III: Recommendations

You must request two reference forms (included in this application packet). References must come from those who can attest to your academic background, leadership, and potential to teach math/science in a high-need school. You must have at least one faculty recommendation from your major department.

Section IV: Terms and Conditions

Noyce Scholarship recipients will be expected to:

- enter into an agreement with Lycoming College, committing to teach full-time in a high-need* school as a licensed teacher in mathematics or science for two years for each scholarship year;
- complete a science or mathematics degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- complete the teaching licensure program within two years of receiving a Noyce Scholarship;
- meet the teaching commitment within eight years of completion of the program;
- participate in the Noyce Council and in mentoring activities with teacher mentors and other scholars;
- upon graduation, complete an exit interview with the Office of Financial Aid and sign an agreement regarding continuing responsibilities as a Noyce Scholar; and
- participate in seminars and assessment activities required by the program.

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*Definition of High-Need Local Educational Agency

For the purposes of this agreement, a "high-need local education agency" is a public school district that meets at least one of the following definitions:

1. It has at least one school in which 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for participation in the free and reduced lunch program.
2. It has at least one school in which: A) more than 34 percent of the academic classroom teachers at the secondary level (across all academic subjects) do not have an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in, or graduate degree in, the academic field in which they teach the largest percentage of their classes; or B) more than 34 percent of the teachers in two academic departments do not have an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in, or a graduate degree in the academic field in which they teach the largest percentage of their classes.
3. It has at least one school whose teacher attrition rate has been 15 percent or more over the last three school years.

Section V: Applicant Confirmation Form

Please **read and initial each of the following statements** to indicate you understand and agree should you be selected as a Noyce Scholar.

_____ I certify that all of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

_____ I understand that I must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA to earn Pennsylvania teacher certification.

_____ I understand that I must complete a major in a science field or mathematics and complete the teacher certification program for that field.

_____ I am able to pass all criminal background checks that are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (please see the Lycoming College Teacher Education Handbook for the required clearances).

_____ I understand that I am required to teach full time as a certified science or mathematics teacher in a high-need public school district for two years for every year of Noyce Scholarship support and that this commitment must be completed within 8 years of graduation. If I fail to complete the teaching obligation as specified, I must repay the Noyce Scholarship money received.

_____ I understand I must have satisfactory ratings on the Lycoming College Teacher Candidate Evaluation form throughout my progression in the program. This form includes personal dispositions, content knowledge, and instructional skills necessary to be a successful teacher candidate.

_____ I agree to participate in the Noyce Council and in mentoring activities with teacher mentors and other scholars.

_____ I agree to participate in seminars and assessment activities required by the program.

_____ I certify I am a U.S. citizen or national, or permanent resident alien.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Date