



## **2010-2011 NCEA/Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarships for Teachers of Children with Special Needs**

### **What is the purpose of this grant?**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) and the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) have established a scholarship for teachers **pursuing graduate study in special needs education**. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are committed to supporting children with special needs in Catholic schools. This scholarship attests to their belief that knowledgeable and concerned teachers are the key to successful school programs.

### **Who may apply?**

A person applying for this grant must currently:

- Teach in a Catholic school while taking courses in special needs education, and continue to teach in a Catholic school for at least one year after completion of graduate studies.
- Attend graduate classes in one or more of the varying exceptionalities as specified in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Hold school or individual membership in the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)
- Update faculty and staff on pertinent issues about students with special needs.

### **What is the amount of the grant?**

The foundation provides up to \$1,000 in tuition reimbursement for courses taken at the graduate level. This reimbursement does not include fees the college may impose on its students. This year's awards will reimburse tuition for courses taken during the summer 2010 through spring 2011 sessions.

### **What is the process for applying for this grant?**

You may download the application and type your responses on your computer. Once the form is complete, please print it and sign it. You also need the signature of your principal. Completed applications may be mailed or faxed to **(703) 243-0025** by **June 1, 2010** to:

**CDA Application  
Department of Elementary Schools  
National Catholic Educational Association  
1005 N. Glebe Road, Suite 525  
Arlington, VA 22201**

**NCEA/CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Please type your responses**

Name:

Position:

School:

NCEA ID #:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home address:

City, State, Zip:

Teacher's E-mail:

School Phone:

Home phone:

Arch/diocese:

Superintendent:

1. List your education beginning with undergraduate degrees first, and then more recent studies.

Include certification where appropriate

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Certification</b>
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2. List your teaching experiences beginning with your present teaching position.

<b>Position</b>	<b>From/to</b>	<b>Grade(s)/Subject(s)</b>	<b>School/City/State</b>
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3. List other educational experiences or positions held. (Committee membership, grade/subject coordinator presentations to parent or teacher groups, teacher conferences, publications.)

4. Describe your career goals.

5. Why are you interested in teaching students with special learning needs?

6. How would you share the knowledge you gain in your studies with your colleagues?

7. Where are you currently enrolled for graduate studies?

8. Why did you select this institution?

9. List the courses you plan to take during the Summer 2010 through Spring 2011.

10. Ask your school principal to write a note of recommendation below certifying that you are currently teaching in a Catholic school and affirming that you will continue to teach there for the next school year.

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Principal's signature

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Date

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Print principal's name

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Teacher's signature

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Date

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Print teacher's name