



THE WARNER SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

FIFTH YEAR IN TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

The Fifth Year in Teaching Scholarship provides a limited number of awards for full tuition for graduate study to University of Rochester undergraduates who apply for admission to the Warner School during their senior year. Successful applicants are accepted into the Urban Teaching and Leadership Program (UTL) where they will complete a Master of Science (M.S.) or Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree and two years of teaching in an urban school.

The Fifth Year in Teaching Scholarship has been designed to help the Warner School address the needs of urban schools by encouraging qualified University of Rochester undergraduates to become skilled teachers in urban areas. Recipients of the award will include individuals who are able to increase the diversity of the urban teacher population or increase the number of certified teachers in specializations where there are the highest shortages in the Rochester area. During the 2006-07 academic year, these areas were identified as:

- Science
- Mathematics
- Spanish

Upon acceptance of the Fifth Year in Teaching Scholarship, candidates make a commitment to complete their master's degree at the Warner School, become certified by the NYS Department of Education, and teach in an urban school for two years. Candidates will be required to repay the monetary value of the award if any part of this commitment is not fulfilled.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Conferral of bachelor's degree no later than the May of the first year in the master's program. Coursework for the master's degree cannot begin until all requirements for the bachelor's degree are complete and a letter confirming this has been forwarded to the Director of Admissions. The Warner School will withdraw offers of admission to those who do not officially graduate.
- Strong academic background (3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA preferred).
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated interest in urban education (to be determined during your interview and through your personal statement and written recommendations).
- Demonstrated commitment to urban children, families and communities (to be determined during your interview and through your personal statement and written recommendations).
- Volunteer or work experience in an urban or rural community or school that included direct contact with underachieving students.
- Desire to work with diverse and underachieving student populations.
- Written statement about why the candidate wants to teach in an urban school.
- Career goals, professional interests, and attitudes that are consistent with the programs offered and the stated goals of the Warner School mission.

RESTRICTIONS

- All applicants for the Fifth Year in Teaching Scholarship must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
- Applicants are eligible to apply only during their senior year and may not defer entry into the program (except for documented medical reasons).
- Applicants must matriculate in the summer semester immediately following graduation.
- University of Rochester undergraduates may not take a year off before applying for the scholarship or before seeking employment after graduation.
- Applications must be received by the November 1, February 1 or April 1 deadlines.

EXPENSES COVERED BY THE FIFTH YEAR IN TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

Application Fee

The \$40.00 application fee will be waived for all Fifth Year in Teaching applicants.

Tuition

The Fifth Year in Teaching Scholarship will provide tuition for a maximum of 45 credit hours toward one teaching certification, plus 9 credits to cover UTL program requirements. Candidates who decide to pursue additional certifications (for example, inclusion extension) must pay for the additional credit hours. The scholarship does not cover courses taken outside the Warner School as part of the Master of Science (M.S.) program, the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program, or professional development.

Room and Board

Room and board is provided for candidates only while they are completing their master's degree. The Fifth Year in Teaching award will provide four continuous semesters of on-campus room and board based on financial need as determined by the University Financial Services Office.

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THE FIFTH YEAR PROGRAM

Please note that the following expenses are **not** covered by the scholarship:

- health and insurance fees,
- books and supplies,
- lab fees,
- registration fee for a workshop on recognizing the signs of child abuse,
- fee for fingerprint-supported background check, which is required for certification,
- fee for taking the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations,
- fees for application for teaching certification,
- housing application fees,
- "social fee" charged to all students who live in University dormitories,
- fees associated with computers, phones, e-mail accounts, or faxes,
- room and board during the interims between fall and spring, between semesters, between summer sessions, or during the two years of paid employment.