

NABE Bilingual Teacher Scholarship Guidelines

The purpose of the NABE Bilingual Teacher Scholarship is to provide support to university students pursuing a **postsecondary** degree in bilingual education. The applications will be reviewed by the NABE Board. The scholarship award amount is \$2,000. The entire award will be sent to the recipient's postsecondary institution as a tuition contribution. The scholarship award will be announced during the annual NABE conference.

A. Eligibility Criteria – Applicants must:

1. Be current members of NABE or submit the membership application and fee before completing the online scholarship application.
2. Have full proficiency in English and one other language that is used as a medium of instruction and/or that is the primary language of students in the public schools.
3. Be enrolled in a college/university **postsecondary** program leading to a teaching credential in bilingual education.
4. Be committed to pursuing a career in serving bilingual, dual language, and/or multilingual children.
5. Have a 3.0 or higher GPA at the time of application for the scholarship.
6. Preference is given to students with financial need.

B. Application Process – Applicants must complete the online application (items 1-7) by the posted deadline.

1. Application form (online application system).
2. Proof of enrollment in a **postsecondary** bilingual teacher education program (official university document). (digital upload to online application system).
3. A copy of your most recent transcripts. (digital upload to online application system).
4. A minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation: these must be original letters, each written on letterhead, signed, and dated.

Note: One letter of recommendation **must** be from a **current** reference (e.g., professor, teacher, program coordinator, principal, etc.). (digital upload to online application system).

5. Personal essay:
Describe your commitment to becoming a bilingual teacher and your need to receive this scholarship. What are your goals as a bilingual teacher? Why do you think it is important to have bilingual/multilingual education programs?
Word count: 250-500, Font: Times New Roman or Arial, Font size: 12, File Format: DOC or DOCX only (digital upload to online application system).
6. A professional photograph of yourself to be used for promotional purposes if you are selected as the scholarship recipient.
7. Consent Agreement: permission for any or all materials submitted for consideration for the NABE Bilingual Teacher Scholarship to be shared with persons involved in judging this competition and consent to the use of name and likeness for promotional purposes if selected as the recipient of this scholarship.

A subcommittee of the NABE Executive Board will review and verify the information submitted, including letters of recommendations.

***Note:** Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria or submit an incomplete application package will not be considered for the award. All personal information will be strictly confidential.