



ESL Certification Grant Application for Cohort 3 (2009-2010)

Classroom Teacher Name: _____
Base School: _____ Current Teaching Assignment: _____
Grade Level: _____ Email: _____ Phone Contact: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Do you have knowledge of a foreign language? _____ If yes, what language: _____

List and describe any ESL experiences or past outstanding work experiences you have had in the present or past (ESL students in your classroom, how did you work with these students, modification ideas, travels abroad, awards, etc. – 3 lines only)

Are you willing to present to your faculty on English As A Second Language ideas after you complete the program? Yes or No

Are you willing to participate in workshops and University of Memphis instructional activities that will take place after school hours such as classes, graduate enrollment duties, web chats, classroom visits, etc.?
Many activities will be on your own time. Yes or No

Have you taken ESL classes in the past at the University of Memphis or at another university? Yes or No
If yes, please list all course numbers and class titles here:

Finally, attach a one page typed essay on how you would hope to use an ESL certification in your career. This essay should be 1 page, double spaced, 12 point, and in Times Font. Make sure your name is included on the essay.

Please return this application form, essay, and signed program information sheet to: Todd Goforth, ESL Specialist, Room 212-D, Central Office or fax to 321-2566 no later than October 2, 2009. Forms received after this date will not be considered. For other information, email: tgoforth@scsk12.org
If selected, you will be responsible for all activities associated with this grant outside of this application process, and Shelby County Schools will not be responsible for any fees, accidents or incidents incurred with this grant program. Shelby County Schools is an equal opportunity employer.



Teacher Gaining Expertise Together in Training Program Information Sheet – Cohort 3

Description of Grant

Teachers GET IT, a program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, supports the preparation of ESL teachers for the Memphis City and Shelby County School Systems. One cohort of a selected number of teachers each year will complete the coursework for ESL licensure. In addition, selected content area teachers will participate in workshops conducted around the Memphis City and Shelby County areas on strategies for working with non-native speakers of English. More information about the grant is available at:

<https://umdrive.memphis.edu/ethrush/www/tgi.html>. This grant pays for 80% of tuition plus a bonus at the completion of the program.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the grant if selected, you must be a classroom area teacher in grades K-12 in the Shelby County School System.

Application Guidelines

Completed applications will only be accepted. The applicant must complete (1) an application and must also sign this (2) program information sheet below and submit both. Both forms must be received by October 2, 2009 at 4pm in Room 212-D. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.

Selection Criteria

1. Only completed applications and program sheets will be considered.
2. Previous ESL Work and Course work will be considered.
3. Current teaching assignment will be considered.
4. Possible district and ESL future needs will be considered. Meaning here relates to if you are currently serving in a school with a high count of ESL students or in a school where there is potential ESL growth. You may be asked to present workshops in certain high ESL areas.
5. Hiring dates and service years may be included in criteria.
6. Your answer to the ESL experience question will be considered.
7. Your willingness to conduct flex hours and workshops will be considered.
8. Your willingness to participate in after hour activities at the University of Memphis will be considered.
9. One page typed essay will be considered.
10. Other criteria may be used as determined by the managers of this grant.

Statement and Agreement

I understand that all selections are final. I understand that if I am not selected, I will have the option to apply for another cohort if funding continues in future years. I understand that some grade levels may be needed in this present cohort and some grade levels in future year cohorts. I understand that Shelby County Schools will **not** be responsible for any fees associated with this program. I will be responsible for all travel expenses to and from workshops and classes, graduate application/university fees, and any other monetary obligations outside of grant funding.

Completion of program does not guarantee any type of ESL employment with Shelby County Schools. I understand the deadline is October 2, 2009 at 4pm received in Room 212-D Central Office. The fax number is 901-321-2566

Applicant Signature

_____ Date

Once again, I understand all selections are final. If not selected, I understand that as long funding continues, I will have the option to submit another application for future cohorts. Program is subject to cancellation at anytime.