TEEM Scholar FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What is TEEM Scholars?**
   This is the fourth year for this program for MMSD high school students from diverse backgrounds. There are currently 34 students participating. Each year, TEEM is interested in recruiting 9th and 10th graders. The number of students admitted depends on cohort size. The ideal target size for each cohort is 20.

   The program goal is to expose students to all facets of teaching careers in MMSD, prepare students for college, and grow the teaching ranks at MMSD to reflect our student population.

   Pre-college programming includes meeting on early release Mondays during the school year and attending a UW-Madison academic enrichment residence camp in the summer.

2. **What qualities is TEEM seeking in applicants?**
   Students admitted to this program will be committing to a long-term developmental program. We are seeking students with a serious interest in teaching, demonstrated academic capacity for college, and the ability to persevere through challenges.

3. **What scholarships and employment promises are there?**
   The goal of this program is for students completing pre-college programs to attend UW-Madison or the Madison College transfer program, complete teacher certification programs and be eligible for preferred hiring status within MMSD upon college graduation and teacher certification.

   TEEM Scholars does not have a specific scholarship. TEEM works closely with UW-Madison Admissions and Financial aid staff to advocate for TEEM Scholars. Participating in TEEM Scholars does not guarantee acceptance to UW-Madison or the UW-Madison School of Education.

4. **I’m not from a minority background but from a low-income family do I still apply?**
   Yes, we are looking at the applicants holistically and it will not exclude you from being selected. This will be a culturally diverse cohort. We are looking not only at socio economic but also underrepresented profiles, such as males interested in elementary education, and females interested in teaching science.

5. **How is this program different from the PEOPLE Program?**
We are seeking students who have a strong interest in education and are not engaged in a current precollege pipeline program. We have collaborated with PEOPLE for summer programming in the past.

6. **What specifically does the scholarship cover?**
   There are numerous scholarship opportunities available at UW-Madison. In addition, MMSD and UW-Madison School of Education are committed to raising funds to help support student financial need.

7. **What if I want to be a HS English Teacher? Will the scholarship cover the cost?**
   Certification to teach English at UW-Madison is a post baccalaureate program (a 14-month master’s degree program). Scholarships are available for these programs. MMSD and UW-Madison School of Education are also committed to raising funds to help offset the cost of tuition.

8. **What is the criterion for program participation?**
   Maintaining a 2.75 GPA, with the expectation of increasing GPA above 3.0 for college is required of all program participants. All students are expected to fully participate in all TEEM programming and maintain the outlined academic standing.

9. **Where do we drop off the application?**
   Applications are online. Paper applications are available and can be submitted to the TEEM Scholar High School Coordinator at your school.

10. **When does it begin?**
   There is an orientation to TEEM Scholars for students and families late in the summer before school begins. TEEM Scholars are encouraged to attend the College Access Camp (CAP) in July (three weeks) at least once. First year students will attend the Educator Institute in late August (Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm) on the UW campus. School year programming begins in September through May on early release Mondays.

11. **Who is on the admission committee?**
   A combination of representatives from MMSD (teachers & administrators), and UW School of Education (faculty and staff).

12. **Who checks on student’s academics?**
   Academic progress is monitored by TEEM Teacher Coordinators at each high school.

13. **Who do I contact with questions?**
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