The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship

Stonehill College has a unique opportunity for Mathematics majors interested in a career in teaching in high-need schools. Through a $1.19 million grant from the National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program Stonehill College will award five $25,000 scholarships to members of the class of 2015 for their junior year who have a declared mathematics major and a major in early childhood or elementary education, or a minor in secondary education.

Requirements: To be eligible for selection, students must (1) have completed the Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have a CSS Profile on file at Stonehill; (2) be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen; (3) have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0; (4) have a declared mathematics major with a major in early childhood/elementary education, or a minor in secondary education; and (5) be a rising junior (class of 2015).

Application Checklist

☐ Completed Application

☐ Personal Statement: The Noyce Foundation aims to help young people become curious, thoughtful, and engaged learners. The goal of the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program at Stonehill College is to continue this legacy. In 250 to 500 words, give us a compelling reason to award you a $25,000 Noyce Scholarship. How does Robert Noyce’s dream fit into your future career plans?

☐ Noyce Scholarship Agreement to Serve (signed by applicant and one member of the Noyce Project Team)

☐ Unofficial College Transcript

☐ I have met all the requirements

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided on this application is true and correct and I agree to its use by Stonehill College or any of its agents or contracted third parties, in the event of default. I acknowledge that the Noyce Scholarship is a forgivable loan program made possible through a grant by the National Science Foundation under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1862n-1, and under such law I acknowledge that I am receiving a scholarship which may convert to a loan if I do not meet certain conditions outlined in the Noyce Scholarship Agreement to Serve.

DATE:_____/_____/20____ Signature of Student:_____________________________________________

Application Due Date: March 15, 2013
Please return to Duffy room 103
In consideration of receiving a $25,000 Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship ("Scholarship") I agree to the following requirements in conjunction with my participation in the Communities of Practice: Teacher Preparation and Beyond Program at Stonehill College ("Communities of Practice").

While still at Stonehill College ("the College") I acknowledge that I must:

1. maintain a minimum College-wide GPA of 3.0,
2. be a declared mathematics major with a major in early childhood or elementary education, or a minor in secondary education,
3. demonstrate active involvement with all Communities of Practice meetings and activities, and
4. maintain regular contact with my Communities of Practice mentors.

My post-graduate requirements shall include, by June 30th of each year, providing the College with documentation evidencing the following:

1. teaching in a high-need school and performance of teaching services as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need school or district,
2. satisfactory progress towards completion of service as a full-time teacher for a total of two academic years for each year that I am awarded the Scholarship (i.e., 2 years of service if you are awarded the Scholarship for 1 year at the College, and 4 years of service if you are awarded the Scholarship for 2 years at the College),
3. contact with my education/mathematics mentor teams as well as other cohort members throughout the year,
4. completion of a yearly evaluation within my school/district. (A copy of your yearly evaluation(s) done by a member of the school administration must be provided for grant evaluation purposes),
5. creation of effective lesson plans (two sample mathematics lesson plans, one in the fall and one in the spring (for grant evaluation purposes), and
6. Annual participation in one or more of the following professional development activities:
   a. attendance at an on-campus event (e.g., Noyce Speaker Series, social/networking event offered during Alumni or Reunion Weekends, etc.),
   b. continued involvement in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (through attendance at a local, regional or national meeting),
   c. participation at meetings and activities of other appropriate professional societies, or
   d. other appropriate professional development opportunities (e.g., preparing to be a nationally board certified teacher).

In order to be eligible for the scholarship I understand and acknowledge the following general terms and conditions:

1. I must major in and subsequently receive my degree in mathematics from the College, I must also complete an education program that results in educational licensure
2. I must be enrolled and continue to be enrolled as either a junior or senior at the College through my graduation
3. The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship is being awarded to me under the program established by the National Science Foundation ("NSF") Authorization Act of 2002, as amended from time to time, and as codified at 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1862n-1, and, as such, is a forgivable loan. If I do not satisfy the academic and service requirements as outlined in this Agreement, I will be required to repay the Scholarship, plus any and all associated costs and fees allowed under the College’s agreement with the National Science Foundation, or allowed under federal or state law, including, but not limited to any costs, fees, or charges pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1862n-1 or any implementing regulations, or 2 C.F.R. Parts 215 and 220, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21), as amended from time to time.
4. I will be required to begin repaying the Scholarship funds awarded within thirty-one days of failing to satisfy the requirements of the academic program for which the funds were awarded. The academic requirements are those listed throughout this Agreement, and include: a) maintaining enrollment with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0; b) regular attendance and participation in NSF and Communities of Practice programs related to the Scholarship; and c) submission of demographic/employment/education related survey information associated with the College’s requirements for participation in the NSF program.
5. If I fail to meet the academic requirements, or any other program requirements for which the funds were awarded, I automatically forfeit the loan cancellation benefit, and all Scholarship funds that were disbursed to me are due and payable according to the terms of this Agreement.
6. I understand that I have 8 years beyond graduating from the College to satisfy the service requirements.
7. I understand that if I do not fulfill the service requirements in the time allotted, my obligation to repay the Scholarship as a loan will commence 8 years and thirty-one days after I graduate from the College.

8. If I am expected to repay the Scholarship program funds, I understand that there is never a prepayment penalty. I may make payment in excess of the amount expected at any time. Unless otherwise notified, any amounts received in excess of the amount expected will be applied to the principal balance and will not take the place of my regularly scheduled payments.

9. I understand that I must comply with all College policies relating to the awarding of financial aid, scholarships, grants, and loans, and I must comply with all processes required by the College Student Aid and Finance Office, including any pre- or post-award meetings, exit interviews, or other requirements.

10. I must, without exception, notify the College within 10 days if any of the contact information on my Scholarship application changes, including, phone numbers, email addresses, or permanent or temporary addresses.

11. If I must repay Scholarship funds, I understand that should I fail to make timely repayment, the College may withhold my education or alumni records (including transcripts) and I may no longer have access to College services until I have reconciled any issues with respect to timely repayment.

12. If the College engages a third party collection firm, attorney, or agent in order to collect any moneys owed by me, I will be required to pay all collection, court, and attorneys’ fees and costs if my loan becomes, or continues to be, past due.

13. I understand that the College will comply with all reporting requirements with respect to unpaid loans, and the continual failure to repay moneys owed may result in the loan being considered in default, and such status may compromise my ability to receive future Title IV funds, or additional institutional loan funds, until such time as the defaulted loan is paid in full.

14. The College may institute, at its sole discretion, a monthly billing statement, but I understand that whether or not I receive a monthly billing statement, any payment owed is due on time. I further understand that I am expected to promptly answer all communications – written or otherwise – from the College.

15. I authorize the College to access any and all of my demographic, contact, enrollment, and employment information from any third party for purposes of enforcing the terms and conditions of any Scholarship repayment obligation I might incur.

16. I understand that in the event of my death or my total and permanent disability (subsequent to my receiving the Scholarship) the College will discharge the total amount still owed on any loan. The loan may also be discharged in the case of extreme hardship so that it would be impossible or unconscionable to enforce repayment.

17. The College has disclosed to me that I must provide annual certification of my employment and up-to-date contact information and that I am expected to participate in surveys conducted by the College or any project or program evaluators as part of any NSF or College requirements.

18. The College will collect any repayment amounts, including interest if applicable, consistent with the provisions of part B and D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

I attest that I have read and understand my repayment responsibilities and the options available to me as outlined in this Agreement. I understand that if I do not fulfill the Scholarship program academic and service requirements, the Scholarship funds disbursed to me will convert to a loan that must be repaid. I understand that the College will require repayment on a monthly basis until repayment is fulfilled and that the College will require full repayment within 8 years of the earlier of either the date I become ineligible for the Scholarship due to not fulfilling the academic requirements, or the date I notify the College of my intent not to fulfill the academic or service requirements. In signing below I acknowledge that I have received an exact copy of this Agreement.

Dated: _____/_____/20_____

Signature of Student: ____________________________        ____            ______

Printed Name of Student: ____________________________        ____            ______

Stonehill ID #:  ____________________________        ____            ______

Acknowledgment by Noyce Project Team Member:

Signature: ________________________________________________