



2011 Teacher Training **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

The Slingerland Institute for Literacy welcomes your interest in obtaining training in the Slingerland Multisensory Structured Language Comprehensive Courses. We will be distributing two of partial scholarships during the summer of 2011.

Please be aware that there are two separate processes. The process of applying for and enrolling in a teacher-training course is separate from this process of applying for a teacher-training scholarship.

To apply for a scholarship for teacher training, carefully follow the instructions below. If you have questions about the scholarship application process, you may contact The Slingerland Institute® for Literacy at 425-453-1190. Scholarship winners who apply by the deadline will be notified by May 20, 2011.

Application materials must be mailed to The Slingerland Institute® for Literacy (mailing address appears on the next page). Applications postmarked by April 22, 2011 will be given first priority. Later applications are welcome and will be considered until all funds have been granted.

Please be aware of key guidelines to be followed in awarding these scholarships:

- Scholarships are only awarded for Slingerland Comprehensive Courses (Introductory Comprehensive Course, Second Level Course, or Third Level Course) that contain a practicum giving trainees the opportunity to apply what they are learning during the program.
- First priority will be given to classroom teachers, especially those working with children in grades K-2. Once these funds have been awarded, any remaining dollars will be considered for other applicants. In making our awards we look to the "multiplier effect," meaning we strive to fund Comprehensive Course instruction for those educators who are most likely to have a significant effect on a large number of students in the classroom setting over a great span of time.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

___ Be a member of The Slingerland Institute® for Literacy (SIL). Visit our website at <http://www.slingerland.org/> to join. Enclose proof of your SIL membership or application for it with the rest of the forms you send to us.



- ___ Complete the Contact Information form as well as the Scholarship Application.
- ___ Obtain a Letter of Recommendation (details on Contact Information form).
- ___ Type your essay, answering the essay questions noted in the Scholarship Application form.
- ___ After enrolling in the teacher-training course, obtain written proof of enrollment. Submit proof of such documentation to us with your Application.
- ___ Mail **four** copies of
 - The Scholarship Application,
 - Essay, and
 - Letter of Recommendation.
- ___ Send only **one** copy each of the
 - Contact Information form,
 - Proof of Course Enrollment and
 - Proof of SIL membership.
- ___ Retain your originals. Mail all materials to The Slingerland® Institute for Literacy at 12729 Northup Way, Suite 1, Bellevue, WA 98005. Applications postmarked by April 22, 2011, will be given first priority. Later applications are welcome and will be considered until all funds have been granted.
- ___ Pay course tuition to your course director by his/her deadline. Scholarship checks are not sent until the course has been completed with a grade of B or higher. It is the responsibility of the applicant to pay the tuition to register for the course.
- ___ If you are offered a scholarship, confirm your intention to accept and take the training by returning the scholarship acceptance letter (enclosed with your acceptance letter) *no later* than May 20, 2011.
- ___ Complete the course with a grade of B or higher.

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___ On the last day of the course, present the training director with the course completion and grade verification form to sign. This form will be sent to you when you are notified of your scholarship award. Once the form has been signed, mail it to The Slingerland® Institute for Literacy (address above). A check for 50% of the scholarship amount will then be sent to you.

The second half of the scholarship will be reimbursed after holding an informational meeting and/or writing a brief report.

___ Conduct a short informational meeting with your faculty, administration and/or a group of parents explaining what you have learned from the course and how you plan to implement what you have learned. Send evidence the meeting was held (your outline, copy of your PowerPoint, etc.) to The Slingerland® Institute for Literacy as soon as possible but no later than Oct. 31, 2011. As soon as it is received, the remainder of the scholarship amount will be sent to you.

OR

___ If you are unable to conduct a public meeting, write a brief report as if you were explaining the training to a group of teachers. Include what you have learned from the course and how you plan to implement what you have learned. Send the report to Slingerland® Institute as soon as possible but no later than October 31, 2011. As soon as it is received, the remainder of the scholarship amount will be sent to you.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:**

(Please send only 1 copy of this page.)

Contact information for applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Fax number: () _____ E-mail: _____

Instructions for selecting your reference:

Select **one** person to serve as your reference, following these guidelines:

- If you teach in a school or clinic, select your principal or direct supervisor.
- If you teach in private practice, select a professional in your field who knows your work.
- If you are in a university teacher-training program, select your advisor or a professor.
- If you are an administrator, select a professional in your field who knows your work.

Ask this person to write a brief letter of recommendation for you explaining: (a) why you would do well in the teacher-training course for which you are applying, and (b) why you are deserving of a scholarship. Your reference should also indicate how long he/she has known you and in what capacity.

After this person agrees to serve as a reference, provide his/her contact information below:

Contact information for reference:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: Day: () _____ Evening: () _____

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(Please send **four copies** of ALL items on this page, and the one that follows, as well as your essay)

1. Which level of the Slingerland comprehensive course will you be taking?

Introductory Comprehensive Course Second Level Course
 Third Level Course

Location or Name of director of course: _____

Cost of tuition, fees, materials: \$ _____

Amount to be paid by your school/other sources: \$ _____

Amount of assistance you are requesting: \$ _____ *Note: please remember that these are only PARTIAL tuition reimbursement scholarships*

Please describe the setting in which you currently work (2010-2011 school year)

2. What is your current professional role?

classroom teacher resource teacher tutor/educational therapist
 student other: _____

3. In what type of school do you work? public school private school

private practice other: _____

Name of school (if applicable): _____

4. What subject(s) do you teach? _____

5. In what grade(s) are the students you teach?

K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 Adults

6. How many hours/week do you teach?

more than 20 15-19 10-14 5-9 less than 5

7. How many students do you teach each week?

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Please describe the setting in which you will work **next year** (2011-2012 school year)

8. What will be your professional role?

classroom teacher resource teacher tutor/educational therapist
 student other: _____

9. In what type of school will you work? public school private school

private practice other: _____

Name of school (if applicable): _____

10. What subject(s) will you teach? _____

11. In what grade(s) will the students be?

K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 Adults

12. How many hours/week will you teach?

more than 20 15-19 10-14 5-9 less than 5

13. How many students/week will you teach?

more than 20 15-19 10-14 5-9 less than 5

14. Please provide the contact information for your supervisor:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please answer these last few questions

15. For how many years have you been a professional educator? _____

16. For how many more years do you plan to remain a professional educator? _____

17. Where did you learn of this scholarship opportunity? _____

18. List any multisensory structured language approaches in which you have already been trained:

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ESSAY

*On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions. Your total response should be **no more than two** typewritten pages.*

- (a) What is your background in teaching and how are you involved in education at the current time?
- (b) What is your philosophy and motivation for working with students who have learning disabilities?
- (c) Why do you wish to take this course; how and with whom will you put this training to use?
- (d) Please explain your need for financial assistance.
- (e) From what other sources have you requested financial aid for the course and what has been their response? Please ask your school and/or school district if they are willing to assist you. Include their response in this answer.

*Feel free to include any other pertinent information, but do not exceed **two** typewritten pages.*