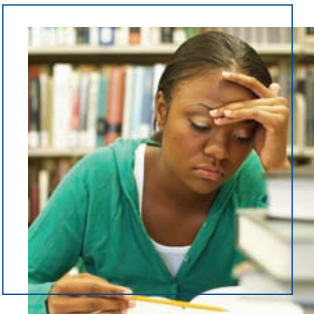
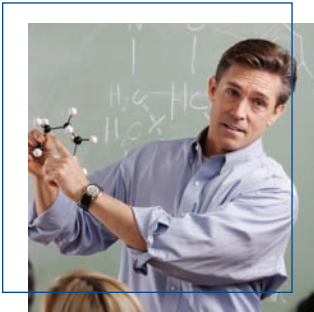
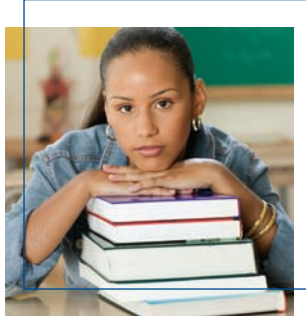


TEACH & INSPIRE

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



AMERICAN BOARD
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ABOUT THE TEACH & INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ABCTE's Teach & Inspire Scholarship Program recruits, certifies, and supports highly effective new teachers of diverse cultural and professional backgrounds in high-need schools, districts, and subject areas to ensure success for all students. We are seeking talented mid-career professionals and recent college graduates to transition into teaching and make a difference in Florida, Mississippi and South Carolina schools.

Participants are awarded a scholarship to earn teacher certification through ABCTE's self-paced online program. The program is funded by a 4-year U.S. Department of Education Transition to Teaching grant.

ABOUT ABCTE

Founded in 2001, the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence recruits, prepares, certifies and supports dedicated individuals to improve student achievement through quality teaching. ABCTE is a non-profit organization.

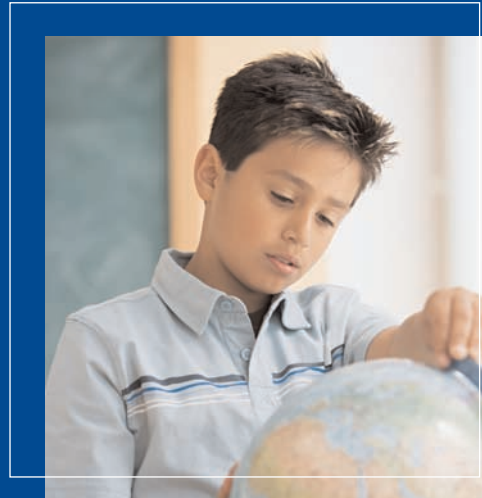


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BECOME A **TEACHER**



"I'm so happy to be in the classroom and helping students every day. The Teach & Inspire Scholarship Program made it possible for me to pursue my certification and to follow my dreams of teaching and making a difference."

—TRACI BROWN

Traci Brown is making a difference in the classroom. You can too!

Florida resident Traci Brown overcame many obstacles growing up in inner city Los Angeles. She lived in a community where gangs, drugs, and teen pregnancy were common occurrences. Brown was able to rise above the negative environment and stay focused on her education. She worked 36 hours a week while going to school full-time, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Natural Science from the University of South Florida.

After working in business sales and consulting for 8 years, Brown was ready to pursue her goal of helping children discover their academic abilities and enrolled in ABCTE's Teach & Inspire Scholarship Program.

Brown earned her ABCTE certificate to teach Biology and currently teaches at a high-need school in Hillsborough County. "As an African American woman, I can serve as a positive role model for students of color," says Brown. "Without the scholarship program, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to pursue teaching."

Join Teach & Inspire and you can start making a difference in the schools that need you most.



Meet our teachers! Visit [youtube.com/becomeateacher](https://www.youtube.com/becomeateacher)



STEP 1: GET CERTIFIED

ABCTE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants must:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree.
2. Pass the ABCTE Professional Teaching Knowledge exam.
3. Pass an ABCTE subject area exam.
4. Pass a background check.

TEACH & INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Eligible scholarship applicants must:

- Have completed either 15 college credit hours in your chosen subject area **or** have one year of teaching experience in your chosen subject area.
- Hold U.S. Citizenship or permanent residency.
- Not hold a renewable teaching license.
- Commit to teaching for 3 years in a Teach & Inspire partner district.

SUBJECT AREAS

The following subject area certifications are available:

Florida	Mississippi	South Carolina
Math (6-12)	Math (6-12)	Math (9-12)
Biology (6-12)	Biology (6-12)	Biology (9-12)
Chemistry (6-12)	Chemistry (6-12)	Chemistry (9-12)
Physics (6-12)	Physics (6-12)	Physics (9-12)
General Science (5-9)	English (6-12)	General Science (9-12)
Special Education (K-6)		English (9-12)

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DISTRICTS

To see a list of available Teach & Inspire partner districts, please visit the Application Center at www.abcte.org/inspire

"We are committed to working with ABCTE to make Teach & Inspire a success for our district. The benefits of this partnership will help us overcome the teacher shortage issues and ensure that the new teachers will be successful in the classroom." —REGINALD JAMES, Superintendent of Schools,

Gadsden County, FL

"ABCTE's refresher courses and workshops were extremely helpful to me because they provided real examples that I have been able to implement immediately in my classroom." —LAUREN MASINO, *Teach & Inspire* participant

EXAM PREPARATION

We will help you complete your certification program and prepare you for your teaching career. Scholarship recipients will pay a one-time processing fee of \$200 at the time of enrollment.

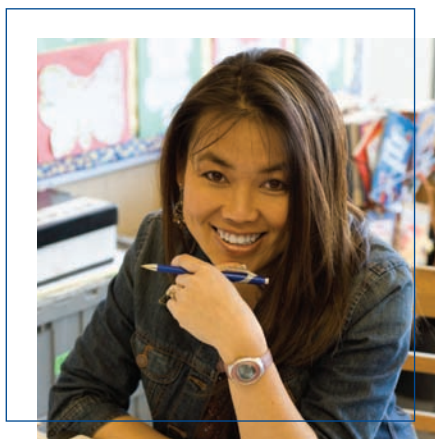
The certification program includes:

- **Orientation:** Start your studies with an online tour of our program.
- **Advising:** You will have access to our full team of advisors to guide you through the process.
- **Study Plans:** You will receive detailed study plans for all required exams.
- **Program Checklist:** A step-by-step guide to help you apply resources to your study and keep you on track with your deadlines.
- **Online Refresher Course:** Comprehensive courses to help you refresh your subject matter knowledge.
- **Practice Exams:** Practice in the same format as the real test with over 300 sample questions and complete explanation of the answers.
- **New Teacher Hotline:** Free podcasts with advice from teaching experts at www.newteacherhotline.com
- **Additional Online Workshops:** Attend online sessions with valuable recommendations on how to study, test taking tips, and strategies for the writing component.

EXAMS

Your exams are computer-based and will be administered at a Pearson VUE testing center. Exams are offered year-round, 6 days a week. Visit the Pearson VUE website at www.vue.com to view testing center locations in your area.

Tests vary between 3.5-4 hours each in length and contain 100-150 multiple choice questions. In addition, the Professional Teaching Knowledge and English exams contain a writing component which is also completed on the computer.





STEP 2: COMPLETE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

We will assist you in preparing for your transition into the classroom. As a Teach & Inspire participant, you will receive exclusive access to Teacher Development, including:

- **Observation experience:** Before you enter the classroom you will observe an expert teacher to learn about lesson planning, classroom management, and interaction with students.
- **Surveys:** You will participate in online surveys to track your progress throughout the program's process.
- **Prepare to Teach workshops:** You will prepare for the classroom using online workshops with practical teaching strategies.
- **\$1000 stipend:** You must pass all exams and complete the Teacher Development requirements in order to receive the stipend.
- **Access to job search resources:** You will be given access to a variety of materials to assist with your job search, including a job search timeline, interview tips, and individualized phone counseling sessions.

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STEP 3: **TEACH**

ONGOING SUPPORT WHILE TEACHING

Teach & Inspire Scholarship Program participants commit to teaching for 3 years in a high-need school and district. While teaching, you will receive additional support, including:

Mentoring

During your first year of teaching, you will have free access to the ABCTE mentoring program. A trained mentor will observe you in the classroom, provide feedback, and help you to improve your teaching skills.

Online Video Library

Developed by the University of Virginia, the online CLASS Video Library provides you with access to video resources demonstrating excellent teaching focused on teacher-student interactions. Teach & Inspire participants will also complete activities and reflection exercises designed to help you utilize effective strategies for common classroom issues.

Teach & Inspire Support Forums

With access to an online support network, you will join forums discussing ways to help students, improve your lesson plans, and work effectively with parents.



"I want to work in a high-need school and subject area because these students need special attention from teachers who truly believe in them and in their ability to succeed." —**NORMA KENNEDY**, *Teach & Inspire* participant



GETTING **STARTED**

By joining the Teach & Inspire Scholarship Program, you will become part of an elite corps of highly effective teachers. **It's free to apply, so start now!**

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are accepted year round, with priority given to applications received by our scholarship program deadlines. Visit our website at www.abcte.org/inspire for upcoming scholarship application deadlines.

It's now even easier to apply! You can now apply using our new **online** application, which includes:

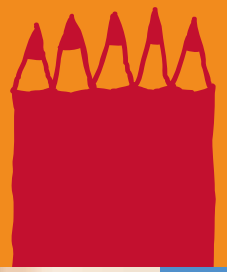
- Basic background information
- Three online essays
- Official transcript from the university/college granting your bachelor's degree
- Unofficial transcripts from any other community college/university/colleges you attended to earn your bachelor's degree

Those applicants who meet the competitive requirements of the application process will be contacted by phone for a follow up conversation. Once the review process is complete, you will be notified by email if you are accepted into the scholarship program.

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"America needs a diverse, high-quality teacher workforce who is dedicated to making a lasting impact on student achievement. ABCTE teachers bring their unique professional background to the classroom and motivate students to excel."—**BRAULIO COLON**,
Assistant Director, ENLACE Florida (Engaging Latino, African-American, and other Communities for Education)



FAQS

Q: Is there an application fee?

A: There is no fee to apply, however, accepted participants will need to pay a one-time, non-refundable program processing fee of \$200 at the time of enrollment.

Q: What if my subject area isn't offered?

A: The Teach & Inspire Scholarship Program currently certifies in high-need subject areas only for Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina. If you are interested in another subject area, you may be able to still pursue that subject area through ABCTE's online certification program, but you will need to pay for the certification on your own.

Q: How long will it be before I know if I've been accepted?

A: It takes approximately 4 weeks to process applications, but can take up to 6 weeks, depending upon application volume. To speed up the process, submit your application early and be sure to follow all directions, especially about sending your transcripts.

Q: Do you assist with job placement?

A: While Teach & Inspire does not do direct job placement, we provide candidates with various tools including a step-by-step job search manual, resume and interview tips and job search phone counseling.

"I hope to work in a high-need school and inspire my students by nurturing their talents on an individual level. I believe these students are the leaders of the next generation."

—MARK PENISTON, *Teach & Inspire* participant

WHY WAIT?

Now more than ever, high-need schools need teachers who can bring real-world knowledge and leadership into the classroom. Teach & Inspire is looking for applicants like you!

- Get a full scholarship towards earning your teacher certification.
- Receive a \$1000 stipend upon completing ABCTE Teacher Development.
- Participate in the ABCTE mentoring program free of charge.
- Start making a difference for Florida, Mississippi, and South Carolina students!

Apply online today at www.abcte.org/inspire



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