

MATELA Professional Development Scholarship

In an effort to support its members in their continued professional development, the Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts (MATELA) has established scholarships in amounts of up to \$500. This scholarship program is open to any English or language arts professional who has been a MATELA member for at least three years or has a paid up membership for three years. Applications must be submitted to the current MATELA President or Awards Chair at least three months prior to the event date.

Applicants for Professional Development Scholarships must have their administrators recommend professional leave, if applicable, and must submit completed application materials by the deadline. Scholarships are intended to help offset the expenses associated with attending a national or regional National Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (NCTE) convention or conference, National Writing Project (NWP) workshops or summer institutes—such as the Montana or the Yellowstone Writing Project, or Indian Education for All (IEFA) focused seminars and training.

Part I: Personal Information (Please type or print clearly.)

Applicant's last name	first name	middle initial	
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Mailing street address	city	state	zip
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Phone number (daytime)	(evening)	e-mail	
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How long have you been a MATELA member? _____ years

Part II: Convention/Conference

Please list the name, location, and date of conference/convention you would like to attend:

Conference	location	date(s)
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Part III: Letter of Application

Please attach a letter of application, indicating how your attendance at this event will contribute to your professional development in teaching English or language arts, citing specific sessions that relate to your needs.

Part IV: Responsibilities

MATELA scholarship recipients are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities within one year following the event:

- 1) Submit an article to the *Montana English Journal* or *Update* in which you explore a conference teaching idea or issue and how you used that in your teaching or professional life;
- 2) Conduct a workshop at a workshop session, either at the school, district, or state level, to share your learning. The annual October MEA-MFT Educators' Conference is the preferred venue for this workshop.