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| **ARI SCHOLARSHIP/ TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Fall 2017** |
| Applications Should Be Mailed or E-Mailed to : |
| **(Faxed copies will not be considered. E-mail receipt or postmark will establish deadlines)** |
| **Abbie Combs, ARI Effectiveness Lead****412 Roy Campbell Drive** **Hazard, Kentucky 41701****Abbie.combs@hazard.kyschools.us****PHONE: 606-436-3161 Extension 5083****E:\ari logo hi res text trans bkgrnd.png**Applications for fall 2017 will be accepted During the Following Window:Fall Semester: From March 1, 2017-June 23, 2017 |

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**ARI SCHOLARSHIP/ TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

***Goal: To address critical teaching shortage areas and improve teacher effectiveness in the ARI region.***

The ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program is designed to promote teacher effectiveness by increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in regional critical teaching shortage areas.

The ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program is a RTTT-D funded project. The ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program targets teachers who are completing or plan to complete course work to secure a degree or certification in a critical shortage teaching area, secure dual credit certification, or pursue National Board Certification. All applicants must meet the ARI eligibility requirements. ARI will provide reimbursement up to $1,500.00 per semester upon successful completion of course(s). Teachers may apply for funding in consecutive years.

**Agreement to Serve**

Applicants must sign an “ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Agreement to Serve” (page 4).

**To receive ARI Scholarship**/**Tuition** **Assistance, applicants must:**

* meet the eligibility requirements of ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program
* be a currently employee in one of the 17 ARI Districts
* complete the ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program grant application
* recommended by superintendent/designee for participation
* enroll or be enrolled as a graduate student
* successfully complete course requirements
* submit course grade and proof of tuition payment
* sign the “ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program Agreement to Serve.”

**Selection of ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Program Recipients:**

A screening committee will review all applications. The ARI selection criteria rubric will be applied in determining the award. A scoring rubric will be used to rate applications. Criteria include:

* High-need field or critical shortage area specific to applicant’s school/district needs (see program description
* Applicant’s commitment to meeting student needs
* Certification which affords teacher the ability to teach dual credit classes.
* Recommendation of the superintendent/designee specifying need

The number of grants awarded per year will depend on the number of applicants and the availability of funds.

#### *****ARI Does not fund out-of-state programs for certification (See EPSB regulations)*****

**Regional Teacher Shortage Areas \*Determined by ARI district leadership surveys.**

Below is a listing of critical shortage teaching areas that have been identified as high-need. Additional shortage areas may be added at the request of the ARI Advisory Board, the Kentucky Department of Education, or KVEC Board of Directors.

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| **Mathematics*** Calculus
* Pre-Cal
* College Algebra
* Trigonometry
 | **Science*** Chemistry
* Physics
* Biology
* Geoscience
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| **Foreign Language*** Spanish
* Chinese
 | **English/Language Arts*** English III & IV,
* Humanities
* Reading/Literacy Specialist
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| **Social Studies** * US History
 | **Music*** Band
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| **Technical Certification*** Family and Consumer Science

**Special Certifications** * Special Education Certification (All Areas)
* Blind/Visually Impaired/Hearing Impaired
* National Board Certification
* Gifted Education Certification
* Computer Programing/Technology Certification
* English Language Learner(ELL) K-12
* Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Certifications
* Library Media Specialist
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***ARI Emphasis is placed on Dual Credit Certification*** (18 graduate hours in a content area in order for students to receive high school and college credit)

**Federal Teacher Shortage Areas**

In response to Kentucky’s submission request, the United States Department of Education has designated the following areas as teacher shortage areas during the 2016-17 school year.

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| **English*** English-Middle School
* English-Secondary
* English as a Second Language (ELL)
 | **Social Studies*** Social Studies-Middle
* Social Studies-Secondary
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| **World Languages** | **Career and Technical Education** |
| **Exceptional Children*** Emotional-Behavior Disorder
* Learning Behavior Disorder
* Hearing Impaired
* Visually Impaired
 | **Science*** General Science- Middle
* Science-Chemistry Secondary
* Science-Earth Science
* Science-Physics
* Science-Biology Secondary
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| **Mathematics*** Mathematics-Middle
* Mathematics-Secondary

**Interdisciplinary Early Childhood** |  |

**ARI SCHOLARSHIP/TUITION AGREEMENT TO SERVE**

**By signing this agreement I verify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the ARI Scholarship/Tuition Program and agree to;**

* Complete the ARI Scholarship/Tuition Application each semester that reimbursement is requested (during term of ARI grant).
* Enroll or be enrolled as a graduate student
* Successfully complete course requirements
* Submit course grade and proof of tuition payment
* Teach in a high-need field or critical shortage area
* Teach in an ARI school for at least four complete academic years after receiving tuition reimbursement (this will depend on position availability and district/school placement)

I understand that I must be a **currently employed teacher** in one of the 17 ARI districts and that no tuition reimbursement will be provided until all course requirements are met and required higher education documentation is submitted.

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**Signature of ARI Scholarship Applicant**

**ARI Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Teacher Application: 2016-17**

**Teacher Full Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Address: | Phone NumberE-Mail:  |
| Area of certification concentration:  |
| Upon completion of the identified certification program will you be qualified to teach dual credit courses?  |
| Briefly outline your coursework requirements and timelines for completion: |
| Identify and explain the school/district need in your projected teaching area (specific to your district): |
| Superintendent/Designee recommendations (sign and provide a brief recommendation. Specify need). |

Please Complete: This page will be detached before applications are screened. University information is not a factor in awarding tuition scholarship. ARI does not award scholarships for online-out of state course work.

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