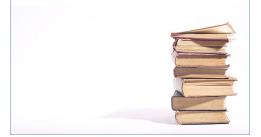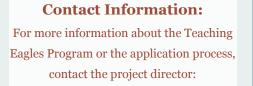## PROGRAM FUNDING

Many courses are funded by the Teaching Eagles Scholarship Program. The courses in the *Secondary Teaching Eagles* program correspond to the Secondary Education Licensure minor as well as coursework in the major specific to teaching candidates. The courses in *Elementary Teaching Eagles* Program correspond to the Mathematics Teaching Minor (Elementary & Middle-Level) and Science Teaching Minor (Elementary School).

The Teaching Eagles Scholarship program will fund up to 30 credit hours for Secondary Teaching Eagles and up to 27 credit hours for Elementary Teaching Eagles.

Visit the Teaching Eagles Scholarship Program website to complete the application:

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Contact Information:

For more information about the Teaching Eagles Program or the application process, contact the project director:

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Teaching Eagles Scholarship Program

University of Southern Indiana

Pott College of
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and Education

Application Process

Students interested in becoming Teaching Eagles must complete the application form (**http://www.usi.edu/science/teaching-eagles-scholarship-program**) and submit it to the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education (Dean's Office, ED 1104).

Students eligible to participate in the program will be invited to a personal interview to discuss their interest in the program. Each applicant will be rated on strength of application essay, grade point average, readiness to begin the program, personal interview, and potential success in completing the program. Admission to the program will be selective.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Teaching Eagles Scholarship Program is to increase the number of content-rich, classroom-ready science and mathematics teacher candidates graduating from the University of Southern Indiana. The program is designed to recruit science and mathematics teacher candidates from the large pool of students majoring in STEM fields (*Secondary Teaching Eagles*) and to recruit education majors who wish to minor in mathematics or science content (*Elementary Teaching Eagles*). The program will support approximately 90 students to pursue degrees in STEM Education fields. The program is housed in the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education and is funded by the Indiana STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund, which is administered by the Indiana Education Roundtable.

Who is Eligible?

The program is a two-year commitment. As a result, the grant is only open to students who plan to enroll in both the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 academic years. Only students with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above are eligible to apply.

Secondary Teaching Eagles are students who are currently pursuing a degree in Biology, Biophysics, Chemistry, Engineering, Environmental Science, Geology, Mathematics, Mathematics Teaching, or Science Teaching who would like to seek a Secondary Education Licensure Minor.

Elementary Teaching Eagles are students who are currently pursuing a degree in Elementary Education, Special Education, or Early Childhood Education who would like to seek a minor in Mathematics Teaching (Elementary or Elementary & Middle-Level) or Science Teaching (Elementary School).

Teaching Eagles will receive the following benefits:

- Tuition for up to 27 credit hours for *Elementary Teaching Eagles* or 30 credit hours for *Secondary Teaching Eagles*.

- Funding (up to $500) for travel to state conferences focused on teaching mathematics or science (e.g., Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics or Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc.).

- Funding for CASA testing registration fees (if applicable).

- Mentoring from the USI community and networking opportunities with local school personnel.

- Additional learning opportunities for professional growth in STEM education.

Please note: The Teaching Eagles Scholarship Program is NOT retroactive, meaning that it cannot fund courses that were taken prior to the Summer 2014 semester.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY/ PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Teaching Eagles are expected to:

1. Complete a major in a STEM field and a Secondary Education Licensure minor OR complete a major in an education field and a minor in a STEM field.

2. Fulfill requirements of the USI Teacher Education program, including maintaining a 2.75 cumulative, major and minor GPA and a C or better in all coursework leading to the degree.

3. Seek licensure to teach science and/or mathematics in Indiana.

4. Seek employment in an Indiana K-12 public school (including charter schools) and accept employment or a contract for services if offered.

5. Attend at least two Teaching Eagles meetings each semester of the two-year program.

6. Participate in a Teaching Eagle special interest group (or SIG).

7. Participate regularly in extra-curricular STEM outreach initiatives throughout the course of the program; STEM outreach initiatives might include volunteering at a SwISTEM-sponsored event (e.g., Tri-State Science & Engineering Fair, Sea Perch Challenge, First Lego League tournament) or leading a STEM experience in a K-12 school that is not required for USI coursework.