

***The Arizona Rural Schools Association***  
***2023***

***Rosy Rubio Scholarship Nomination/Application Criteria***  
***As Supported by The Rosy Rubio Scholarship Endowment***

**PURPOSE:**

To provide support to financially deserving, currently non-certified Arizona public school employees who demonstrate a strong commitment to becoming a teacher in Arizona rural schools, a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities.

**QUALITIES**

To be considered applicants must:

- Be a current employee of an Arizona Rural Schools Association member district.
- Be an Arizona resident, and express a commitment to teach in rural Arizona.
- Be enrolled, full or part-time, in an Arizona college or university teacher preparation program.
- Be a first-time teacher certification candidate.
- Students in five-plus year programs leading to a master's degree may apply for the first four undergraduate years of their program.

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

To be considered applicants must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be enrolled in a course of study leading to a K-12 Arizona teaching certificate.

**FINANCIAL NEED**

Otherwise qualifying applicants must demonstrate one of the following:

- An EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from the FAFSA report which is \$10,000 or less.
- A low to moderate Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

- Description of extenuating financial circumstance provided by the applicant.

#### AWARD AMOUNT

This award will be \$1,000 annually for four years, until completion of a qualifying teacher certification program, or withdrawal from a qualifying teacher education program, whichever comes first.

No later than August 31 of each award year, applicant must provide Arizona Rural Schools Association documented proof of enrollment at:

Arizona Rural Schools Association

2041 W. Orange Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85015

[arsaschools@gmail.com](mailto:arsaschools@gmail.com)

Failure to provide notice of enrollment status by August 31 may result in forfeiture of the balance of the scholarship award.

All nominations must be on the ARSA nomination form and submitted to:

Arizona Rural Schools Association

2041 W. Orange Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85015

Nominations must be postmarked no later than August 1st of each year.

**ARIZONA RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION**

**ROSY RUBIO SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION**

Thank you for your nomination of a deserving school employee seeking to become a certified teacher in rural Arizona.

Please complete the following nomination form for those school personnel meeting the nomination criteria and submit the nomination by August 5, 2022 along with any supporting documents to:

Arizona Rural Schools Association

2041 W. Orange Dr.

Phoenix, AZ 85015

[arsaschools@gmail.com](mailto:arsaschools@gmail.com)

Please Note: Successful nominees who drop out or fail to provide yearly enrollment or financial need documentation will not receive any addition scholarship funding.

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in the District: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

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Email and Phone:

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Current College Enrollment Status: Full Time\_\_\_\_, Part Time\_\_\_\_

College or University Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of Enrollment:

## SECTION II: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School and District: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Nominator

Please include or attach your nomination letter. Please provide your rationale for nomination.

The letter must address the nominee's suitability for teaching, commitment to school, community, and the institution of education.

Please attach one addition letter of support from the district or community.

### SECTION III: FINANCIAL NEED

FASSA EFC Amount (attach or mail documentation): \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Extenuating Financial Circumstances, please provide a brief description. A more complete description may can be provided in your letter:

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By signing this application, I confirm that I understand the conditions of this award and attest that all information submitted is true and accurate. I understand that failure to provide documentation yearly proof of enrollment for the term of the award will result in forfeiture of any remaining scholarship funding.

Nominee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III: NOMINEE LETTER, 500 WORD MAXIMUM**

Please tell us about your desire to become a teacher in rural Arizona and describe your current financial and educational situation. Your response will be strictly confidential.

Feel free to provide the letter as an attachment.

