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## **Dominican University Awards More Than \$156,000 for Its First-Ever Teacher Scholarships**

New Program Will Give Selected Teachers the Opportunity to Earn an Education Master's 100% Online at Significantly Reduced Tuition

**TAMPA, Fla., July 6, 2010** – Dominican University is now accepting applications for the new Bisk Foundation Teacher Education Scholarships, which will award 30 first-time applicants to its online Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) degree programs with more than \$5,200 apiece to complete their education. Provided by Bisk Education as part of its commitment to developing outstanding educators, these scholarships offer a 33% savings on tuition for recipients, who will enjoy the reduced rate for as long as they remain active in one of Dominican's [online master's in education](#) programs.

In order to be awarded one of these [teacher scholarships](#), applicants must meet several criteria, including:

- Teaching in a classroom or working in school administration at the time of application
- Demonstrating that they have had a positive impact on the lives of others
- Holding a bachelor's degree and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA from a regionally accredited institution, or being a graduate of a regionally accredited master's, specialist or doctoral program in which they earned a minimum 3.0 GPA

The program will initially span the six sessions from Fall I 2010 through Summer II 2011, with five new recipients being named each session. The scholarship application deadline for the first session is August 16, 2010, the last date to apply for admission to a Dominican [online MAEd program](#) for the Fall I session.

"Dominican University is proud to honor accomplished educators with the opportunity to pursue higher academic and professional goals through these education scholarships," said Sister Colleen McNicholas, Dean Emerita of the School of Education. "We look forward to helping foster their further success."

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*U.S. News & World Report*-ranked Dominican has long been known for providing a quality education to its students. [Bisk Foundation Teacher Education Scholarships](#) – valued at \$435.60 per individual course – will enable dozens of gifted teachers to experience proven Dominican curricula through the convenience of a 100% online virtual classroom. Unlike most campus-based programs, these online master's in education programs allow students to set their own schedule, with 24/7 access to video-based lectures. No campus visits are required, but students are invited to walk in their graduation ceremony at the completion of their degree.

Designed to empower working teachers with the specialized skills to excel in today's classroom, Dominican's MAEd degrees are offered online in three concentrations: reading, elementary education and English as a second language. Bisk Foundation Teacher Education Scholarships will aid educators in acquiring the skills and credentials they need to enjoy more rewarding careers. According to the U.S. Department of Education, a master's degree can add \$7,500 to a teacher's annual salary.

Visit <http://www.dominicanu.com/graduate-scholarships-teachers.asp> now to get more information and to download a scholarship application.

#### **About Dominican University**

Founded in 1901, [Dominican University](#) is located ten miles west of downtown Chicago. The Catholic university ranks in the top tier of Midwest regional universities, according to *U.S. News & World Report* – which also cited Dominican as a best value for 10 years in a row. The university is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a baccalaureate and master's degree granting institution.



#### **About Bisk Education, Inc.**

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