



MINNIE ANDOW CAL TEACH  
EARLY CAREER SCHOLARSHIP  
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

PURPOSE

The Minnie Andow CalTeach Early Career Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to UC Merced CalTeach alumni who hold a Preliminary Teaching Credential and are currently teaching in California. Minnie Andow dedicated her life to transforming the lives of children with special needs. Recipients of the Minnie Andow CalTeach Early Career Scholarship will have shown a sincere and dedicated commitment to the field of education, have high academic standards, and exhibit qualities of creativity, innovation and leadership.

CRITERIA

To apply for the Minnie Andow CalTeach Scholarship, the recipient must:

- ❖ Be a CalTeach alumni from the University of California, Merced;
- ❖ Possess a Preliminary Multiple, Single Subject or Education Specialist credential.
- ❖ Be currently under contract, teaching at a school in California.
- ❖ Demonstrate a commitment to education, hold high academic standards and exhibit qualities of creativity, innovation and leadership.

\*Preference will be given to students who completed the Natural Sciences Education Minor + Teaching Credential program at UC Merced AND received the Minnie Andow CalTeach Scholarship while attending UC Merced.

AWARD

The Minnie Andow CalTeach Early Career Scholars will each receive a one-time award of \$1000 to be used for classroom supplies for their current teaching position.

## APPLICATION

To apply for the Minnie Andow CalTeach Early Career Scholarship, applicants should complete this form, attach a resume, respond to the essay question, and secure letters of recommendation from two faculty/administrative members at their current school site. The application and letters of reference must be submitted to the CalTeach office (SE1 Room 270) *no later than* December 1st.

Mail to:

Hijab Chaudhry - CalTeach  
5200 N. Lake Rd  
Merced, CA 95340

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School site: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position at site: \_\_\_\_\_

Current subjects taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade levels taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach to this form:

- I. A current resume
- II. Personal essay (approximately 2 pages): Drawing on your personal experience, please illustrate how you exemplify the characteristics of a 21st century educator including but not limited to dedication, compassion, patience, sensitivity, self-discipline, and leadership. Please give a detailed explanation of how you will use the scholarship funds in your classroom.
- III. Two letters of recommendation (these may be sent separately to the CalTeach office) to address: What are the candidate's academic and leadership strengths? From your experience with the candidate, how does s/he exhibit dedication to education, creativity, innovation, self-discipline, and leadership?