



Stephen A. Desposito

Aspiring Teacher Memorial Scholarship

Stephen A. Desposito '73, '77 Memorial Aspiring Teacher Scholarship: Income from endowment for a scholarship awarded annually to student(s) admitted to the School of Education who demonstrate leadership, passion to teach middle level students, and best exemplify the many talents of "Mr. D." Recipient selected by the University's School of Education faculty.

Applicant eligibility: Undergraduate or Master's/Teacher Certification (MA/TCP) student at the University of Rhode Island who has been admitted to the School of Education and plans to student teach in a middle school.

Selection criteria is based on the following characteristics Mr. Desposito demonstrated in his career as a Rhode Island middle level teacher, principal, teacher leader, and University of Rhode Island teacher educator: dedication to teaching all students; compassion for individuals; enthusiasm to teach adolescents; strong written and oral communication skills; ability to work well with colleagues; and strengths as a mentor, team member or coach to others.

Application process:

1. Write an applicant statement that describes and provides evidence of each of the above attributes. Be sure to highlight why you are especially interested in teaching middle level students. This statement should be 1-3 pages, word-processed, 12-point font, and double-spaced.
2. Complete application form
3. Send materials to:

University of Rhode Island
Director, School of Education
Attn: Stephen A. Desposito Aspiring Teacher Scholarship
705 Chafee Social Science Center
Kingston, RI 02881
4. Application deadline: May 1st annually (Late applications will not be accepted)
5. Decisions will be announced by September 5th annually
6. For more information, contact URI's School of Education at (401) 874-4068