

Title III Parent/Teacher Literacy Scholarship Contract

By accepting this scholarship you have agreed to meet the following criteria of this scholarship award during your academic studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

In order to be eligible for a Title III scholarship, candidates must show intent in pursuing ESL studies and must be able to take Applied Linguistics graduate level courses that lead to ESL endorsement. Student selection criteria for both undergraduate and graduate students include:

1. Proficiency in Haitian Creole or Cape Verdean Creole
2. Knowledge about Haitian or Cape Verdean culture and history
3. Interest in language minority educational issues and improving education for language minority students such as Haitian immigrants/Haitian Americans and Cape Verdean immigrants/Cape Verdean Americans
4. Interest in becoming an educator of linguistic minority and immigrant students
5. Grade point average minimum: undergraduate GPA 2.5 and graduate GPA 3.0

Scholarship recipients must take a minimum of one course, three (3) credits per semester, maintain at least a B average, and have no incomplete grades.

During the semester students must complete the following activities:

1. Participate in at least two (2) ELL teacher preparation workshops sponsored by Title III; or
2. Volunteer for at least five (5) hours in one Title III community parent education classroom in our Mattapan or Brockton sites; or
3. Volunteer at least five (5) hours in one local school classroom or afterschool program that serves ELL students; or
4. Carry out at least five (5) hours of volunteer work in your own classroom/school context, if you are currently a teacher working with ELLs.

Once the scholarship has been awarded, Title III will pay the amount as indicated in your award letter towards your UMass tuition bill. Students are responsible for a timely payment of any remaining balance. Any student who withdraws from a class after the add/drop period is required to pay for any and all tuition and fees associated with that course as Title III will not assume these charges.

Please note that it is necessary to reapply for the Title III scholarship each semester by completing an application and including an unofficial transcript and a brief statement letter indicating how you meet the criteria of this scholarship. Application forms are available outside the Applied Linguistics office (W-6-103). The scholarship request letter, application and unofficial transcripts should be sent to Dr. Lilia I Bartolomé, Department of Applied Linguistics, UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125.

Please sign below to acknowledge acceptance of these terms:

Printed Name

Signature

Student Identification Number

Date