

From: Matthew Catanzarite
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Larry J. Miller <Lawrence.Miller@fsw.edu>
Subject: Fwd: The Principal Best & Brightest Scholarship Program

Below is the email I received from CCPS stating that I was eligible to receive the principal's scholarship for best and brightest.

Thanks,
Matt

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Edwards, Cheryl" <cheryl.edwards@yourcharlotteschools.net>
Date: February 1, 2018 at 10:42:20 AM EST
To: "matthew.catanzarite@fsw.edu" <matthew.catanzarite@fsw.edu>
Cc: "Griner, Gregory" <gregory.griner@yourcharlotteschools.net>, "Sandles, Joni" <joni.sandles@yourcharlotteschools.net>
Subject: **The Principal Best & Brightest Scholarship Program**



Hi Matt,

I am writing to let you know that I received notification yesterday from the FDOE that you are eligible and will receive the *Florida Best and Brightest Principal Scholarship*. Below, you will find information regarding this scholarship program.

Congratulations to you and to your staff!
Cheryl

The Florida Best and Brightest PRINCIPAL Scholarship Program

The Legislature recognizes that the most effective school principals establish a safe and supportive school environment for students and faculty. Research shows that these principals increase student learning by providing opportunities for the professional growth, collaboration, and autonomy that classroom teachers need to become and remain highly effective educational professionals. As a result, these principals are able to recruit and retain more of the best classroom teachers and improve student outcomes at their schools, including schools serving low-income and high-need student populations. *Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to designate school principals whose school faculty has a high percentage of*

classroom teachers who are designated as Florida's best and brightest teacher scholars pursuant to s. 1012.731 as Florida's best and brightest principals.

- ✓ The Florida Best and Brightest Principal Scholarship Program is administered by the Department of Education. The program shall provide categorical funding for scholarships to be awarded to school principals (including charter schools) who have recruited and retained a high percentage of best and brightest teachers.
- ✓ A school principal is eligible to receive a scholarship if he or she has served as school principal at his or her school for at least 2 consecutive school years including the current school year, and his or her school has a ratio of best and brightest teachers to other classroom teachers that is at the 80th percentile or higher for schools within the same grade group, statewide, including elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and schools with a combination of grade levels.
- ✓ Annually, by **February 1**, the department shall identify eligible school principals and disburse funds to each school district for each eligible school principal to receive a scholarship. ***A scholarship of \$5,000 must be awarded to every eligible school principal assigned to a Title I school and a scholarship of \$4,000 to every eligible school principal who is not assigned to a Title I school.***
- ✓ Annually, by **April 1**, each school district must award a scholarship to each eligible school principal.

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