



Professional Development Award

Each year, Illinois TESOL•BE demonstrates its commitment to the field of English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education by awarding a maximum of ten professional development scholarships for ITBE members to attend the annual convention. The Professional Development Award covers registration for the **February 24 & 25, 2012** ITBE Convention in Lisle, IL. In addition, either hotel accommodations for Friday night or a maximum of \$50 worth of transportation expenses will be covered.

Applicants for the Professional Development Award must:

- a) Be practicing or retired ESL and/or bilingual education teachers, or full-time or part-time time graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in a program in TESOL, bilingual education, or a related field;
- b) Demonstrate financial need;
- c) Not be eligible to receive support for the ITBE convention from their institutions;
- d) Be members in good standing of Illinois TESOL•BE through March 2012; and
- e) Submit a completed application form along with all required supporting materials.

APPLICATION (For an electronic application e-mail ldmiller@nl.edu.)

Please Print

Name _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code: _____ Home _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail: _____

ITBE Membership expiration date: _____ Current employer(s) and Position(s) held: _____

Have you received this ITBE award before? Yes ___ No ___

SUPPORTING MATERIALS (May be sent electronically to ldmiller@nl.edu.)

1. A letter of application (word-processed and double-spaced) with an explanation of how you will benefit from attending the Illinois TESOL•BE State Convention and a brief statement of financial need. [May be submitted electronically.]
2. A letter of recommendation from an employer or academic program. [May be submitted electronically.] (NOTE: Individuals whose employers offer financial support for professional activities are not eligible.)

All applicants for the Professional Development Award must be members of Illinois TESOL•BE through March 2012. If you are not currently a member of ITBE or if you would like to renew your membership at www.itbe.org. Membership applications are available at www.itbe.org or in the *ITBE Newsletter*. Check your status by using your member log-in on the ITBE web site or e-mail us at membership@itbe.org for the expiration date

Mailed application and letter of recommendation must be postmarked by December 2, 2011. Electronically submitted forms, letters of application, and letters of recommendation must be sent by December 2, 2011. Mail documents and/or send e-mails to the Awards Committee Chair:

Leah D. Miller, Awards Committee Chair
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Chicago, IL 60613
ldmiller@nl.edu

Recipients will be notified by phone and by email. Professional Development Awards will be presented at the convention on Friday, February 24, 2012. Attendance is required. Applicants who have received awards in previous years will be considered, but new applicants will have priority. For additional information, please call (773) 935-9185, or visit our website at www.itbe.org.