University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) Noyce Scholars Program

Applications for 2024 are closed.
Applications for 2025 will open in fall 2024.
The instructions will be similar to the following:

1. Apply for admission to the Master of Science in Initial Licensure program at UT Martin. Learn more about the degree here https://www.utm.edu/academics/majors-and-programs/msed-teaching-initial-licensure-secondary.
Visit https://banssb.utm.edu/prod/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon and login or select "First time user account creation" to submit the application.

2. In addition, Noyce applicants should submit the following documents to Dr. Steve Elliott:
   - Letter of application describing professional goals
     o Begin with the sentence "I am applying for admission to the UTM Noyce Scholars Program."
     o Describe why you want to be a math or science teacher
     o Date the letter and sign the letter
   - College transcript(s) through the application date
   - Applicant Checklist (Page 2 of this document. Read it. Sign it. Date it.)
   - Statement of financial need (optional)

Each Noyce applicant needs two letters of recommendation from current or former teachers and/or employers. Letters of application should be emailed or mailed directly to Dr. Steve Elliott by the teacher or employer.

Submit documents to Dr. Steve Elliott via email at eelliot7@utm.edu or via mail to the following address:

Dr. Steve Elliott
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
341 Latimer-Smith Building
203 Hurt Street
Martin, TN 38238

3. Applicants must be fingerprinted and submit to a criminal background investigation. Instructions are available at https://www.utm.edu/departments/ess/criminal.php.

(You are welcome to ask questions about any of the requirements below. Contact Dr. Steve Elliott, eelliot7@utm.edu.

If I am selected as a University of Tennessee at Martin Noyce Scholar, I agree to the following:

☐ I am a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident alien

☐ I will complete a Master of Science in initial licensure degree at The University of Tennessee at Martin, to include paying the required tuition and fees

☐ I will take and pass the Praxis examination required for my educator license endorsement

☐ I will submit an edTPA portfolio and pass the associated assessment

☐ I will obtain a Tennessee educator license

☐ After obtaining an educator license, I will work full-time as a STEM teacher for two years in a school in a high-need local education agency (LEA). For the purposes of the Noyce Scholars Program, an LEA is high-need if at least one elementary or secondary school in the LEA has:
- o a high percentage (>= 50%) of individuals from families with incomes below the poverty line;
- o a high percentage (>= 34%) of secondary school teachers not teaching in the content area in which they were trained to teach; or
- o a high (>= 15%) teacher turnover rate.

☐ I give permission to the University of Tennessee at Martin to conduct a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation criminal background check on me

☐ I will complete growth mindset training as directed by the principal investigators

☐ I will participate in at least 5 of 6 professional learning meetings scheduled during my first year of teaching

☐ I will initiate at least one post and respond to at least one post on the UTM Noyce Scholarship Program's online support platform during my first year of teaching

☐ I will provide evidence of full-time employment as a teacher in a high-need local education agency to the principal investigators by September 1 of each of the two years of required employment as a teacher

☐ I will provide the principal investigators with a current address and phone number by September 1 of each of the two years required as employment as a teacher

☐ If I fail to complete the requirements before completion of one year of teaching in a high-need LEA, then I will repay the entire $29,000 stipend to UTM. If I complete one year of required teaching but fail to complete the second year, then I will repay $14,500 to UTM.

Printed Name	
Signature	
Date	