ANNOUNCING:

THE MAEE JUMP-START SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS
TWO $1,000 AWARDS

INTRODUCTION:
The Mid-Atlantic Association for Employment in Education (MAEE), an organization which promotes professional standards and practices in teacher preparation and job placement, recognizes that a.) there is a shortage of college students from racial/ethnic minority groups preparing for careers in teaching, and b.) there is a shortage of candidates in general preparing for careers in certain teaching fields, for example mathematics (see reverse side for all eligible areas of certification). This scholarship program is designed to address these special needs. Only colleges holding membership in MAEE are eligible to participate.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:
Candidates for these awards will have completed 48 credits, but not more than 90 credits (completed by 9/1/09), and will continue in the Spring 2010 semester, as full-time students. Applicants must hold U.S. citizenship. Actual dollars will be awarded in the Spring 2010 semester, directly to the college business office account in said student’s name, pending confirmation of minority status and/or enrollment in appropriate major by the Dean or comparable administrator. This award is a one-time, non-renewable grant designed to “jump-start” the careers of these promising teacher candidates in the identified critical need areas.

SELECTION CRITERIA:
Students applying for the $1,000 Scholarship for Diversity in Teaching must be members of a racial or ethnic minority group formally accepted in any teacher certification major. Students applying for the $1,000 Critical Need Teacher Scholarship must be any student formally accepted in a “critical need area” as identified by the MAEE Executive Board based on “Supply and Demand” research. Students will submit a one-page application, official transcripts, and a one-page essay; candidates will be selected through a consideration of their academic success, service to college and/or community, and potential to achieve excellence as a teacher. Students may apply for both scholarships, but would be eligible to win only one.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:
Applications will be available through the MAEE college representatives; the MAEE college reps will also distribute guidelines and applications to key people on their campuses beginning in September. Applications and official transcripts will be due postmarked by the December 1, 2009 deadline, and forwarded to the MAEE Scholarship Committee Chairperson. The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations (including alternates) to the MAEE Executive Board at its annual Spring meeting. Recipients will be informed of their status and awarded monies during the Spring semester 2010.

Areas of certification approved for “Critical Need” Teacher Scholarship:

Business Ed
Computer Science
Consumer & Family Studies
Foreign Languages (including ESL and Bilingual)
Library Science/Media Specialist

Mathematics
Sciences (all fields)
Special Education(all categories, incl. Speech Path.)
Technology Education/Industrial Arts