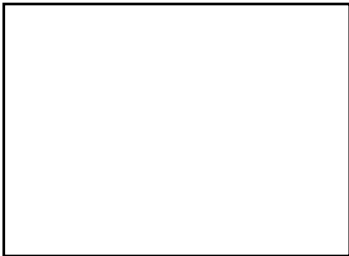


**Nassau County School Board – Human Resources Department**  
**2019-2020 NEWLY HIRED TEACHER Best & Brightest Recruitment Award Application**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

“The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Program was created to provide recruitment and retention awards to classroom teachers, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)...” To be eligible for a one-time recruitment award as specified in the General Appropriations Act, a newly hired classroom teacher must be a content expert, based on criteria established by the Florida DOE, in mathematics, science, computer science, reading, or civics.

If you believe you are eligible for this one-time recruitment award, please complete this form and return it to the Human Resources Department no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, **January 31, 2020**. **Late applications will not be considered.**

| YES | NO | Check YES or NO for each of the following statements:  |
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|     |    | I am a K-12 classroom teacher as defined in FSS 1012.01(2)(a). “Classroom teachers are staff members assigned the professional activity of instructing students in courses in classroom situations, including basic instruction, exceptional student education, career education, and adult education, including substitute teachers.” |
|     |    | I am a K-12 classroom teacher – My students are NOT Prekindergarten or Post 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade.  |
|     |    | My hire date as a NCSB K-12 classroom teacher is after July 1, 2019 and prior to October 7, 2019.  |
|     |    | I currently hold a valid Florida Teaching Certificate or Statement of Eligibility with appropriate subject area coverage for the class(es) I am currently teaching in the content expertise area selected below.   |
|     |    | I am currently teaching in a subject area within the content expertise area selected below.  |

Subject(s)/Grades I am currently teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

I currently hold a valid Florida Teaching Certificate or Statement of Eligibility with subject area coverage in the area of mathematics, science, computer science, political science, history, social science, reading, reading endorsement or another subject area that deems me in field for the content expertise area selected below. List the certification subject area coverage(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a **content expert in mathematics, science, or computer science** – if selected, choose ONE method below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned at least a master’s degree in the area of mathematics, science, or computer science from an institution accredited by the United States Department of Education. List master’s degree: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned at least a bachelor’s degree in the area of mathematics, science or computer science from an institution accredited by the United States Department of Education and have at least five years teaching or work experience in the associated subject area. List bachelor’s degree and experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a **content expert in civics** – if selected, choose ONE method below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned at least a master’s degree in political science, American history, social studies, or social science from an institution accredited by the United States Department of Education. List master’s degree: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned at least a bachelor’s degree in the areas of political science, American history, social studies, or social science from an institution accredited by the United States Department of Education and have at least five years teaching or work experience in the associated subject area. List bachelor’s degree and experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a **content expert in reading** – if selected, choose ONE method below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned at least a master’s degree in English, English literature, reading, or literacy instruction from an institution accredited by the United States Department of Education. List master’s degree: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have earned at least a bachelor’s degree in the areas of English, English literature, reading, or literacy instruction from an institution accredited by the United States Department of Education and have at least five years teaching experience in English language arts or reading. List bachelor’s degree and experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ My official/sealed transcripts and/or work experience supporting my claim of content expertise are already on file in the Human Resources Department.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attached my official/sealed transcripts and/or work experience supporting my claim of content expertise.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have ordered my official/sealed transcripts and/or work experience supporting my claim of content expertise and it will be mailed to: (Nassau County School District Attn: Human Resources 1201 Atlantic Avenue Fernandina Beach, FL 32034)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have ordered my transcripts and/or work experience supporting my claim of content expertise and it will be transmitted via encrypted email directly to: [mcdonaldju1@nassau.k12.fl.us](mailto:mcdonaldju1@nassau.k12.fl.us).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2019-2020 Best & Brightest Recruitment Award**

**Work Experience SAMPLE LETTER**

**\*\*MUST BE ON BUSINESS LETTERHEAD\*\***

**Mary's Accounting Services**

**1234 Street Name**

**City, State 12345**

**January 17, 2020**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Mr. James R. Smith worked full-time with our company from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2015. He was employed as a \_\_\_\_\_ (must be related to the subject area of expertise) for \_\_\_\_\_ (number of full time years). Should you need further assistance, I may be contacted at (904) 987-6543.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mary Jones**

**Owner/Operator**

**Mary's Accounting Services**

- 1. Letter must be on business stationery or notarized affidavit (W2 should match business name).**
- 2. Letter must include confirmation of full-time employment.**
- 3. Letter must include beginning and ending dates of employment.**
- 4. Letter must include the job title. In some cases, a job description will be required for the Best & Brightest Review Committee to evaluate that the work experience is indeed associated with the subject area content.**
- 5. Letter must include signature of employer.**

**Recruitment award applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, January 31, 2020. Applications received after January 31, 2020 will not be considered. Any substantiating documents, to accompany applications received by the January 31, 2020 deadline, will be accepted until February 7, 2020.**