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A 50 percent tuition award for educators in CMU-authorized schools

Central Michigan University understands that effective educators are an essential part of student success in the classroom. This exciting opportunity will connect educators in CMU-authorized charter public schools with CMU's highly-rated advanced teacher education and educational leadership programs.

Through the program, teachers and school leaders in CMU-authorized schools can receive a 50 percent tuition award that directly offsets the tuition cost of eligible graduate degree programs in education from CMU's College of Education and Human Services.

This award is made possible through a partnership between CMU President Dr. George Ross, the College of Education and Human Services, the Department of Teacher Education and Professional Development, the Department of Educational Leadership and The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools.

CMU CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATOR AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The CMU Charter School Educator Award is for teachers and school leaders who are working in a CMU-authorized charter public school.

APPROVED CMU GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The award applies to online Master of Arts degrees in the following approved College of Education and Human Services graduate education programs:

- » **MA Education: Curriculum and Instruction**
- » **MA School Principalship: Emphasis in Charter School Leadership**
- » **MA School Principalship: Site-Based Leadership**
- » **MA Educational Technology**
- » **MA Reading and Literacy K-12**
- » **MA Special Education (Beginning Fall 2017)**
 - **Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement**
 - **Learning Disability Endorsement**
- » **Specialist in Education**

AWARD PROGRAM DETAILS

- » Applicants must be a teacher or school leader in a CMU-authorized charter public school.
- » Awards are available to 15 individuals each year.
- » The window to apply for the award is February 1 through June 30.
- » To be eligible for the award individuals must be granted regular admission into one of the degree programs stated above by June 30. The award is processed through the Global Campus Financial Aid Office. Applicants must submit their name, the degree they've applied for as well as the name of the CMU-authorized charter public school where they are employed to Global Campus Financial Aid at globalfa@cmich.edu.
- » Awards are available for use as soon as they are granted.
- » To continue receiving the award, students must:
 - Begin the program within two semesters of admission.
 - Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - Be continuously enrolled in at least two courses every semester.
 - Complete the degree program within 2.5 years of beginning the degree program.
 - Remain a teacher or school leader of a CMU-authorized charter public school.

APPLYING FOR THE AWARD

- » The application is available at **apply.cmich.edu/home/GlobalCampus**. The 15 awards are based on the submission date of the CMU Global Campus online graduate degree application.
- » The employer section of the online application must be completed.
- » In the application section titled "Final Steps," you will be asked, "Where did you hear about CMU?" You must select "Other." The "Other" dialog box will appear, where you must enter the code **CharterAward** in the blank to be considered for the award. By entering this code, you are verifying that you are currently employed at a school authorized by CMU.
- » If required by the degree program, all necessary admission materials must be submitted within the 30 days to keep your position for the award.
- » Your application, paid application fee and all required supplemental documents must be submitted before the application is accepted.
- » An Employment Verification Form will be sent to your employer after you are accepted into the program, and each year you continue in the program.
- » Admission into a degree program is determined by that department's admission policy. The Charter School Educator Award does not influence admission into the degree program.

For questions or more information about the graduate degree programs, the application process or the CMU Charter School Educator Award please contact Associate Director Deb Starr-Alderink, Global Campus Financial Aid at 800-664-2681 (Option 2), or visit **www.TheCenterForCharters.org/EducatorAward**.

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