

AQUINAS COLLEGE

- Newaygo Public Schools -

AWARD POLICY FOR THE

Aquinas College Donnelly Scholarship

Aquinas College is pleased to partner with the Newaygo Public Schools to offer eligible part-time and full-time employees the Donnelly Scholarship. This scholarship is specifically for post-traditional learners approximately 23 years or older, entering Aquinas' Continuing Education or graduate programs, as either degree-seeking or non-degree seeking students in any field. The general tuition reimbursement policy of your organization is explained below along with the available Aquinas scholarship amount. The contact person within the Newaygo Public Schools is listed below. You may also address questions to Aquinas College by emailing donnelly@aquinas.edu.

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Newaygo Public Schools' tuition reimbursement policy:

Teachers:

The Board will reimburse K-12 teachers for college tuition cost after reaching the B.A. or B.S. degree +18 to the attainment of an M.A. degree at \$200 per credit hour up to a maximum of six (6) credits per year. The Board will reimburse after the attainment of the M.A. +15 at \$200 per credit up to a maximum of six (6) credits over a five year period. (First paragraph applicable to K-12 only)

The Board will reimburse all full-time Community Education/Alternative Education teachers at \$200 per credit hour up to a maximum of 6 credits per year (after reaching the B.A. or B.S. +18 credits) to attainment of an M.A. degree. The Board will reimburse after the attainment of the M.A. \$150 per credit hour up to a maximum of 6 credits over a 5 year period.

To be eligible for reimbursement classes must be part of an approved graduate degree program in the field of education or approved by the administration as being applicable to the teacher's teaching assignment. Reimbursement will be made upon proof of completion of the course work with a grade of "B" or better.

Please refer to the agreement between the NEA and the NPS Board of Education for complete details.

Administrators/Principals:

Administrators receive the tuition reimbursement benefit in accordance to the K-12 teacher agreement.

Support Staff:

There is currently no tuition reimbursement available for support staff.

Aquinas College's Donnelly Scholarship amount:

Aquinas College will award a 20% Donnelly Scholarship to be applied to any number of classes an eligible part-time or full-time employee – teacher, administrator, or non-teaching staff member - chooses to take at either the undergraduate or graduate level in any field. It may be used even if the employee does not qualify for tuition reimbursement from the District. Once received, the scholarship is available for up to seven consecutive years or until graduation, whichever is sooner, as long as one remains an employee. The employee must apply for the scholarship before attending classes. The Donnelly Scholarship does not pertain to the Aquinas College-University of Detroit Mercy Nursing program or to certificate or non-credit bearing courses. Refer to the "Award Requirements" page for complete eligibility details. As an additional note, Aquinas offers payment plans, including an option for billing employers directly.