



Reference Information Sheet

General Information Concerning the WISE Program

The Winthrop Initiative for STEM Educators (*WISE*) was funded through the National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. The goal of this program, and the *WISE* grant in particular, is to encourage high-performing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) students to consider teaching in high need schools.

Summer internships for freshmen and sophomores in mathematics, biology, and chemistry are available. Interns and faculty explore both an introduction to research in their field and teaching as a possible profession. Internships are available for all mathematics and science majors even if they do not plan to teach.

Scholarships and stipends are available for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing teacher certification. Award amounts vary from \$10,000 to \$20,000 across the program and include additional support for working with students in high need settings. Scholars will teach in high need schools in exchange for the support.

Procedures

1. The applicant contacts two references.
2. The applicant provides the *WISE* program with references' names and email addresses.
3. WISE@winthrop.edu sends email to references with link to an electronic recommendation form.
4. References will submit the recommendation form electronically.
5. Applicants are notified that reference is complete.
6. References receive an electronic copy of recommendation form for review.
7. Reference forms are included in application packet for review during the selection process.

Your prompt completion of the recommendation form is greatly appreciated.

Contact hackneya@winthrop.edu with questions.

Visit the www.winthrop.edu/wise for more information.