

JAMES PATTERSON TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Patterson Family Foundation funds **James Patterson Teacher Education Scholarships** to FAU undergraduate and graduate students that are studying education and are committed to teaching reading/literacy.

Application Packet Checklist:

- Completed Application form
- Two-page (double-spaced) essay describing your goals and aspirations as a teacher who will be responsible for helping children develop a passion for reading
- Unofficial Transcripts

Additional Eligibility:

- To be eligible, students must maintain full-time enrollment (12 credits for undergraduate; 9 credits for graduate students).
- Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Students must confirm with financial aid that they are able to receive the full award of \$7,500. Please note: This is \$3,750 per fall and spring semester.

Participation Information:

- Awardees will participate in a one (1) hour learning community at least once each month in addition to their regular coursework.
- Awardees may be eligible for a weekly specialized field placement of at least a half day designed to support their development as a teacher who helps children develop a passion for reading.
- At the conclusion of the spring semester, awardees will prepare and submit a written report on practical and feasible ways to support reading practice in their community and how their experiences from this year contribute to their preparation to promote literacy. These reports will be shared with the donor.

Applications are generally due at the beginning of the fall and spring term. Please contact DeptTeachLearn@fau.edu for more specifics. Interested students should send an application and all supporting materials to the Department of Teaching and Learning at DeptTeachLearn@fau.edu. Incomplete applications will not be considered.