A description of the Tuscaloosa Consortium for Higher Education (TCHE) and the employee scholarship program are provided below. Please review the candidate's application and consider how well the candidate's qualifications align with the goal and objectives of TCHE.

Tuscaloosa Consortium for Higher Education: The Tuscaloosa Consortium for Higher Education (TCHE) is a collaborative partnership among The University of Alabama, Shelton State Community College, and Stillman College. The partnership builds on the uniqueness of each institution and its contributions to West Alabama. The TCHE Employee Scholarship Program utilizes these partnerships to provide lifelong learning opportunities for faculty and staff of the member institutions by encouraging employees to pursue continuing education opportunities. The goal of the TCHE Employee Scholarship Program is to create an opportunity through which employees of the member institutions are able to utilize the unique educational curriculum available at those institutions on a programmatic basis. The objectives are to create an educational common market among the distinctive programs offered at each campus, thus providing more opportunities for employees to engage in lifelong learning, to pursue their dreams, and to improve their quality of life. **The ideal scholarship candidate demonstrates progress toward certificate/undergraduate degree completion, evidence of need, and commitment to lifelong learning.**

Please provide a score in each of these three areas (total score will be 0–18):

Progress Toward Certificate/Undergraduate Degree Completion

0–2 = 50–65% completion

3–4 = 66–80% completion

5-6 = 81-99% completion

Evidence of Need

0–2 = minimum to no evidence provided explaining need for TCHE employee scholarship in pursuit of academic goals, personal dreams, and/or improvement of quality of life

3–4 = provided 1–2 examples demonstrating need for TCHE employee scholarship in achievement of academic goals, personal dreams, and/or improvement of quality of life

5–6 = provided multiple examples demonstrating need for TCHE scholarship in achievement of academic goals, personal dreams, and/or improvement of quality of life

Commitment to Lifelong Learning

0–2 = minimum to no evidence provided related to candidate's affinity for learning and previous academic and work experience

3–4 = provided 1–2 examples from past academic and work experiences that inspired pursuit of more education in desired field of study

5–6 = provided multiple examples highlighting past academic and work experience that inspired candidate's pursuit of more education in desired field of study

Comments

Please feel free to provide your thoughts about the overall application and/or other related items.