



# WATAUGA

## Education Foundation

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): 2026 Price Deverick Scholarship**

#### **1. What is the Price Deverick Teacher Scholarship for Professional Development?**

The Price Deverick Teacher Scholarship provides financial assistance to teachers employed by Watauga County Schools to pursue professional development opportunities. This includes obtaining renewal credits, completing certifications, and participating in workshops and training programs—especially those related to instructional technology.

#### **2. Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?**

All teachers who are currently employed by Watauga County Schools and plan to continue teaching in the district during the 2026-2027 school year are eligible to apply.

#### **3. What expenses can the scholarship be used for?**

Scholarship funds may cover the following expenses related to professional development activities:

- Registration fees
- Materials and course fees
- Travel expenses (for out-of-town workshops or classes)

The scholarship can be used for activities completed between April 20, 2026, and May 31, 2027.

#### **4. Are there any restrictions on the type of professional development that can be funded?**

Yes, the scholarship can support:

- Renewal credits

- Certification programs (excluding National Board Certification or Recertification)
- Specialized workshops, training, and coursework
- Instructional technology training

*Note: Requests for funding to support National Board Certification should be directed to the Tamara Stamey Memorial Fund, not the Price Deverick Scholarship.*

## **5. How much funding is available?**

The scholarship provides financial assistance up to the total cost of the professional development activity, including registration, materials, fees, and travel expenses. Recipients are reimbursed after submission of receipts confirming payment for the activity.

## **6. How do I apply for the scholarship?**

To apply, follow these steps:

1. Complete the scholarship application form.
2. Provide details about the professional development opportunity you wish to pursue.
3. Submit the application by March 6, 2026.

Applications should be submitted to the Watauga Education Foundation by the deadline.

## **7. When is the application deadline?**

The deadline for submitting an application is March 6, 2026. Late applications will not be considered.

## **8. How will I know if I've been awarded the scholarship?**

Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status by mid April 2026. If selected, recipients will receive instructions on how to submit receipts for reimbursement.

### **9. How are scholarship funds disbursed?**

Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. After completing your professional development activity, you must submit receipts certifying payment has been made. Once your documentation is reviewed, you will be reimbursed for the approved expenses.

### **10. Can I apply for multiple professional development opportunities?**

Yes, you may apply for funding for multiple activities, provided each is for a different training or certification, and they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the application.

### **11. Can I use the scholarship to attend conferences or out-of-town workshops?**

Yes, the scholarship can be used for out-of-town travel if it is for a workshop, course, or training related to your professional development goals. Travel costs, including transportation and lodging, are eligible for reimbursement, along with the registration fees and materials for the event.

### **12. What if I'm unable to attend the professional development opportunity after receiving the scholarship?**

If circumstances prevent you from attending the approved professional development event, please notify the Watauga Education Foundation as soon as possible. You will not be reimbursed unless you attend the event, and you may not apply for reimbursement for an event you did not attend.

### **13. Can I apply for this scholarship if I've received it before?**

Yes, teachers who have previously received the Price Deverick Teacher Scholarship may reapply as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for the 2026-2027 school year.

**14. Where can I find the scholarship application and more information?**

You can access the scholarship application form and additional information on the Watauga Education Foundation website. For any questions, please contact the Foundation directly.

Contact Information:

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**15. Who is providing the funding for this scholarship?**

The Price Deverick Teacher Scholarship is funded by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and the Watauga Education Foundation.