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University Park, October 13, 2006 – The Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) Partnership at Governors State University is offering full one-year scholarships to students entering the university's secondary education programs in biology, chemistry, English, or math from Moraine Valley Community College, Joliet Junior College, Prairie State College, South Suburban College, and Kankakee Community College.

"These scholarships encourage students to continue their educations to become high school teachers. The Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership helps train more capable and effective teachers," explains Cheryl Hague, Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant Recruitment Coordinator.

Scholarship requirements include a 3.0 cumulative GPA in undergraduate work applied to the degree program, conditional acceptance into a secondary education program at GSU, two letters of recommendation from instructors or advisors, and a completed online application including a 500-word essay explaining the student's philosophy of education as it pertains to working in a high needs secondary school. The application is available at [www.govst.edu/tqe](http://www.govst.edu/tqe).

Scholarship recipients are required to work a minimum of one year in a high- needs school upon completion of their secondary teacher certification requirements. Recipients may also be eligible for additional TQE scholarships and training.

"We provide support and resources to teachers in training so they are better able to succeed when they reach high school classrooms. When teachers are supported and successful, their students benefit and learn," says Hague. "Our goal is to help create quality, qualified high school teachers by providing both financial and educational support."

The Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Education. The scholarship application deadlines are November 23, 2006 and May 1, 2007. For more information or to submit an application packet, contact Cheryl Hague, Recruitment Coordinator, Governors State University, College of Arts and Sciences, University Park, IL or call (708) 534-4587.