



KENTUCKY
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2026 ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION TEACHER APPLICATION

(NO handwritten applications will be accepted)

Please sign Page 4

Name: _____

Applying for ESU scholarship to _____ to study _____

Teaching affiliation: _____

Degree earned: _____ Where: _____ When: _____

Additional graduate work: _____

Other colleges attended, dates, credits earned: _____

Current address: _____

Permanent address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Personal email address: _____ Work email address: _____

Birthdate: _____ U.S. Citizen: ____ Green card holder: ____ Birthplace: _____

Major teaching field(s): _____ Minor teaching field(s): _____

Anticipated career plans/graduate degree study plans: _____

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Work experience (please list current or most recent employer first):

Name of Employer	Duties	Dates of employment	Hours per week
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Leadership experiences, community service, and school activities: _____

Creative and research interests: _____

Personal and extra-curricular activities: _____

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What was the most significant course you took in college? What impact did it have on your way of thinking, or your long-term personal goals? Or, what was the most significant course you have taught and why? _____

If you are selected as a scholar, how do you plan to become an ambassador for the ESU at your home school and to your colleagues? _____

Foreign travel/foreign study, if any (cite nature of experience and approximate length of time):

Languages, other than English, in which you have some proficiency:

Language(s)	Speaking	Reading	Oral Comprehension
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please attach the following materials to your application:

1. Official college transcripts from the institution you graduated from and any other institutions you received teaching credentials from. Two letters of recommendation from another faculty member and the principal of your school. If you completed college very recently, one letter can be from a faculty member at your college.
2. A two to three-page (double-spaced, single sided) personal statement indicating your intellectual goals in applying for the ESU TLab-UK Scholarship with a description of the specific course of study you would like to pursue through the programs offered as a part of the ESU TLab-UK (consult <https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/teachers-learning-abroad/> for more information) and your area-specific qualifications to undertake the program of study you have selected. Your statement should give evidence of your writing abilities, motivation, and your adaptability to new circumstances. Those of you who attend universities will be required to write papers which will be graded. Your statement should reflect your ability and willingness to write such papers. How do your objectives for studying abroad compare to the ESU's mission and objectives? How will you apply the personal experience of British culture in the 6-10 year period following your return home?
3. Please include 6 copies of your application, personal essay, letters of recommendations, and your transcripts. Therefore, a **TOTAL of 7 sets of applications** (1 original and 6 copies) should be included in a complete application packet.

Please note that universities in the United Kingdom do not always have access for individuals with physical disabilities.

Please ONLY print material on a single side of each page! All double-sided essays and letter of recommendations WILL NOT be accepted.

Please sign below to acknowledge that you understand that if your complete application is not postmarked to the address listed below, your application will be deemed as late and will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee of the Kentucky Branch, English Speaking Union.

Teacher Signature

Date

These applications must be postmarked by **NOVEMBER 1, 2025** to:

Dr. Ted Scharre, ESU-KY Branch Scholarship Coordinator
1119 Carriage Lane
New Albany, IN 47150
Email: tedscharre@gmail.com

After reviewing your TLab Scholarship Application, the ESU Kentucky Branch Scholarship Committee will contact teachers for interview times later in November, if applicable.

Please note: this is a 2-tier application process. If you are awarded an ESU TLab Scholarship, you will then need to complete the UK institution's application and forward to the ESU for submission by March/April for their specific deadlines (TBA in early 2026). Final acceptance is determined and notified by the UK institution via email in April/May 2026.