URBAN TEACHER ACADEMY

Dear UTA Student Candidate________________________;

Thank you for your interest in the Urban Teacher Academy. The need for exceptional teaching is greatest in urban school districts, and we commend your desire to serve this population of students in your professional career.

Because of the critical nature of the urban challenge, the selection process for the Urban Teacher Academy is a major focus. The application materials in this package are in three parts:

- An application form which must be filled out completely.
- An essay prompt, which will focus your thoughts as you complete the writing requirement.
- A student reference form (2) to be completed by a professor and a fellow classmate.

Completed applications should be returned to the UTA Director no later than Monday, March 17, 2014. Send to UTA Director, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-0525. Applications may also be hand delivered to Dr. Nenonene’s office in Teacher Education Office room A-112N.

The following timeline will be followed in this process.

- Information meetings: Feb 26th - Noon-1 p.m. & 3-4 p.m. (Chaminade Hall, Room 102)
- Application deadline: March 17, 2014
- Review of applications: March 24-28, 2014
- Interviews: April 1-4, 2014
- New cohort reception: April 7, 2014 (3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Chaminade Hall, Room 102)

If you have any questions or need assistance while preparing your application to the Urban Teacher Academy, contact the Program Director at the number listed below.

Again, we commend the value you obviously place on service, and look forward to talking with you personally during the selection process.

Sincerely,

Rochonda Nenonene, UTA Program Director
Rnenonene1 @ udayton.edu
(937) 229-3084
Urban Teacher Academy
Student Application Form

1. Name:_______________________________________________________________

2. Local Address:________________________________________________________
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3. Telephone Number:_______________________ E-mail________________________

4. Student ID Number:______________

5. Grade Point Average:_______________

6. Major: ______________________________

7. Advisor: ____________________________

8. Name/Address of Parent/Guardian:____________________________________
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9. List any honors or awards you have received:____________________________
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10. List any clubs or organizations in which you have participated:
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11. List special talents and skills you possess:

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12. Why does teaching in an urban setting interest you? Explain your reasons for wanting to enroll in the Urban Teacher Academy.

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Student Applicant Essay

Directions: Read the following questions carefully. Write a two-page essay to express your responses to the following questions.

1. What do you see as the major issues facing urban schools locally, statewide and nationally?
2. What beliefs do you hold that influenced your decision to focus your professional career on teaching in urban schools?
3. What goals will you set for yourself as a result of making this decision?
4. What are your expectations for the Urban Academy, the mentor teacher and the coordinated classroom experiences in helping you realize these goals?
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2. Demonstration of behaviors indicating high level of enthusiasm: 0 1 2 3 4 5

3. Ability to see things from others' point of view, showing positive regard: 0 1 2 3 4 5

4. Knowledge, respect and understanding of cultural rituals and historical experiences other than his/her own: 0 1 2 3 4 5

5. Demonstration of use of self-reflection and self-analysis to improve personal performance: 0 1 2 3 4 5

6. Ability to break down complex concepts and tasks and sequence them in order of difficulty: 0 1 2 3 4 5

7. Sees children developmentally as opposed to their being inherently deficient due to race, class, gender or factors beyond the child's control: 0 1 2 3 4 5

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Thank you for taking the time to provide this important information about the applicant. Please place this referral in the enclosed envelope, seal it and return it to the applicant. Thank you again.

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