

Minority Access to Teacher Education (MATE) Benedict College

Benedict College's \$206,000 appropriation is used to fund the 'Minority Access to Teacher Education' (MATE) program. The MATE program was originally funded as a pilot program designed to recruit minority students into teacher education. The activities involve: 1) recruiting college-bound minority students from rural and underdeveloped school districts in South Carolina and encouraging them to pursue teaching careers in the State; 2) identifying and nurturing high school students in grades nine through twelve who have an interest in careers in teaching; and 3) providing financial assistance, counseling, and tutoring for students enrolling in the teacher education program at Benedict College.

The 1999-2000 Annual Report provides the following summary of the project's objectives and achievements:

MATE Scholars. The MATE Scholars program allows Benedict College students who commit to teaching in rural areas, or in subject areas suffering from critical shortages, the opportunity to qualify for financial aid. While enrolled in the MATE program, students are provided scholarships, counseling, and enrichment activities. 23 students received forgivable loans through the program, totaling \$60,000 during FY 1999-00. One of the MATE Scholars received a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Summer Residency Program. The Summer Residency program is available to rising high school seniors and high school graduates from rural school districts. Students enrolled in the summer program are in residence at Benedict College for a three-week session. They are exposed to the art and craft of teaching and to the skills and practice necessary to score highly on the SAT and ACT. 30 minority students participated in the program during the summer session, 2000. Five schools were represented at the Teacher Induction Program in April.

PreMATE Program. The PreMATE program is structured to establish teaching 'interest groups' among minority students in grades nine through twelve at target rural high schools. During FY 1999-00, 16 clubs were active with 210 students participating. The first Annual PreMate Advisors Workshop was held at Benedict in October.

Cooperative Activities. Benedict College is a member of the Minority Teacher Recruitment Partnership, established in cooperation with South Carolina State University and the South Carolina Center for Teacher Recruitment. Cooperative activities consisted of verbal and written communications among the three initiatives.

Goals for FY 2001-02. The MATE Program has outlined the following goals for the upcoming fiscal year:

1. To encourage academically talented students to pursue teaching as a career.
2. To provide financial aid for an average of 25 students per year. These students must meet the established MATE criteria.
3. To provide experiences for college students that will enhance their academic and professional growth
4. To plan strategies for involving college bound rural high school students in summer programs that are housed on the college campus
5. To provide counseling & tutoring for teacher education majors who have deficiencies & express a need for assistance.
6. To maintain an active & effective Advisory Council
7. To plan visits to designated high schools
8. To assist with organizing and/or initiating tutorial programs in rural schools and communities
9. To provide professional assistance to high schools upon request
10. To provide counseling for first and second year teachers who are recruited through the MATE program at Benedict College

Appropriation Request, FY 2001-2002

For 2001-2002, Benedict College requests a 16 percent increase of \$39,000, from \$206,000 to \$245,000, in its appropriation. This 16 percent increase represents a cost change in the number of available scholarships from 23 to 25 available scholarships. The increase in the number of students involved the summer residency program and the four additional PreMATE clubs.

Recommendation

The Staff supports the MATE's request that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Affairs recommends an increase of \$39,000 (or 16 percent) for FY 2001-2002, for a total appropriation of \$245,000.

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Appendix I
Budget Details

Benedict College
MATE Program

	Actual Expenditures 1999-00	Approved Expenditures 2000-2001	Appropriation Request 2001-2002	Change
1. Personnel Services				
Salaries	84,634	89,092	95,776	6,684
Fringes	23,699	24,946	25,724	778
Total Personnel	108,333	114,038	121,500	7,462
2. Office Support ¹	3,959	1,000	3,000	2,000
3. Travel	1,700	1,962	2,500	538
4. Other Expenditures				
MATE Tuition/Loans ²	56,578	60,000	75,000	15,000
Summer Residency Prog.	26,430	20,000	33,000	13,000
PreMATE Clubs	9,000	9,000	10,000	1,000
Total Other Expenditures	92,008	89,000	118,000	29,000
Total Project Expenditures				
Total Project Appropriations	206,000	206,000	245,000	39,000

BUDGET NOTES

REQUEST FOR INCREASE

\$39,000

1. Salary Increases are projected at 4%
2. Office Support/Travel Travel is expected by \$1,000 which will be pay diem and travel for Advisory Council members.
3. Forgivable Loans: A maximum of 25 loans at \$3,000 will be available for students who pursue teaching as a career and meet the established criteria for participation in the MATE Program.
4. PreMATE Four (4) new clubs will be either organized or reactivated
5. Summer Residency Program: Thirty (30) students, most of the rural schools that are involved in the Program