



## **FLORIDA RETIRED EDUCATORS FOUNDATION, INC.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

This packet for colleges has been prepared to provide information on scholarships through the Florida Retired Educators Foundation, Inc.

- The criteria for eligibility, procedures for applying, and an application are also included.
- Completed application, official transcript, and letter of recommendation are to be sent to LOCAL UNIT CHAIRPERSON as listed on page 3 of application (#15). Local unit then sets up interview with student.
- Submit ACT, SAT, or other comparable scores.
- For further information or forms please contact the Local Unit Chairman of the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA), or contact the FREA office at the address and phone number listed below

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**CRITERIA WHEN APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP**

It is impossible to estimate the contribution a great teacher makes to our nation, to society, and to those he or she teaches during a lifetime of devoted service to the teaching profession. Unfortunately, there exists, and always has existed, a severe shortage of great teachers. At the same time, there are many young people who are interested in teaching, and who have potential for greatness in the profession, but cannot become teachers without financial assistance in attending college. The Florida Retired Educators Foundation has established a fund to assist in reducing this problem.

Since funds are limited at this time, assistance is restricted to a small number of scholarships. It is hoped that through additional contributions from retired and active educators, gifts and memorials from parents in recognition and appreciation of great teachers of their children, and others interested in advancing the purpose of the fund, a larger number of scholarships can be granted in the future.

**ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must be admitted to a Florida state approved teacher preparation program, have demonstrated potential for effectiveness as a future teacher, and present evidence of need for financial assistance in attending college. Listed in alphabetical order are the specific criteria to be considered in selecting the recipients of scholarships.

- Ability to relate to and work with people of all ages.
- Academic aptitude and achievement.
- Commitment to service, with special interest in teaching children and youth.
- Economic need
- Emphasis should be placed on SAT and/or ACT scores. The acceptable score for SAT is 1,000 or above or ACT is 22 or above.
- Participation and leadership in activities of the school and community.
- Physical and mental health.
- Poise and ability to communicate effectively.

There is no restriction as to sex, race, religion, national origin, or size of school. An applicant may not be disqualified on the basis of a physical handicap unless it will prevent effective performance as a teacher.

*NOTE:* In assessing these criteria committee members must use professional judgment. Trustees of the Foundation will be using their professional judgment in assessing each applicant submitted to them.

## CONDITIONS

A scholarship is awarded to a college student majoring in education and can be continued for a maximum of four years of college if the student maintains a satisfactory level of achievement. Satisfactory achievement is defined as a 2.0 grade point average with no failing grade in any subject.

If a student does not renew the scholarship, the next award of that scholarship reverts to another student who meets all requirements of the award. No moneys can be diverted to any other person for any reason.

No scholarship can be awarded to any individual for a period longer than four consecutive years.

The amount of the scholarships shall be determined and granted annually by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. Scholarships currently will start at \$500.00. The year for which the scholarship is granted shall be from July 1 to June 30. When the scholarship is granted a notarized promissory note for the amount of the scholarship shall be signed by the recipient and co-signed by his/her parents or guardian. Each scholarship note signed may be repaid by one year of teaching in an accredited public or private school in the State of Florida.

Scholarship recipients may attend any accredited public or private community college, a four-year college or university, provided that their programs are consistent with the goal of becoming a qualified teacher. The recipient will provide the Scholarship Committee of FREF with copies of each quarterly or semester grade reports. The recipient will be obligated to teach in a state accredited public or private school in Florida one year for each year a scholarship is granted. Discontinuation of training, or interruption of teaching during the obligatory period for reasons other than health will cause the notes to become payable on demand. The notes shall carry a rate of interest at 5% compounded per annum.

## PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING

An application may be obtained from the school counselor or advisor, or from the local unit of the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA). To obtain the name of the local unit and current contact person, call 1-800-895-3732. A current completed application form and a copy of the applicant's transcript; including ACT or SAT scores, must be submitted to the local unit of the Retired Educators Association. This is to be done no later than the DEADLINE set by the local unit of the Association for receiving applications, of the year preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is desired.

Those approved for the scholarships will be notified within two weeks of the decision of the FREF Trustees at their Spring meeting.

## PROCEDURES FOR RENEWAL

The FREA office will send renewal applications to the scholarship recipients at the end of the year. The renewal application may also be obtained from the local unit of the Florida Retired Educators Association. Student must process renewal application by or before due date, including an official copy of current transcript and an updated progress report by student, and mail to the FREA office in St. Petersburg.