

W. HAROLD FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR FUTURE EDUCATORS

Dear Applicant,

In an effort to encourage the most academically qualified students to enter the teaching profession, the **Fairfax County Retired Educators** Association is pleased to be able to offer **one \$2,000 one-time** scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior in a Fairfax County Public High/Secondary School who meets the following requirements. The scholarships will be awarded at the June 9, 2011 luncheon meeting of the Fairfax County Retired Educators in Fairfax, Virginia.

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Have at least a B- (2.7) academic average as verified by your seventh semester transcript.
2. Plan to attend, on a full-time basis, a 4-year college or university in Virginia which offers a teacher education program leading to certification.
3. **Plan on teaching after college graduation.**
4. Provide a resume of school and community activities with emphasis on active leadership, not limited to holding office.
5. Discuss these requirements with his/her counselor.
6. Complete the Foundation application form.
7. Submit three short essays, each of **one to two paragraphs** in length, in response to three questions related to teaching and the applicant's desire to enter the teaching profession. There is an **optional fourth essay** detailing financial need.

W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation
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A program of FCRE – Fairfax County Retired Educators

2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR FUTURE EDUCATORS

(Please Print)

NAME: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

ADDRESS: Street _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TELEPHONE: Home No. (____) _____ Cell No. (____) _____

High School Attending: _____

School Address: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Counselor's Email: _____

What Virginia college or university do you plan to attend next year?

- I have reviewed the requirements for the W. Harold Ford Foundation Scholarship and I agree to follow the criteria for the Scholarship.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

- The counselor's signature, below, verifies that the requirements for this scholarship have been discussed with the nominee who agrees to follow criteria for the scholarship.

Counselor's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Counselor's Name: _____

**Application and supporting materials must be submitted to your Career
Center Specialist**

Student Checklist for completed application:

_____ **Application**

_____ **Transcript**

_____ **Recommendation (at least one from a school official)**

_____ **Resume**

_____ **Essays**

Respond to the three required essay topics. The fourth one is optional.

Each essay should be of one to two paragraphs in length.

Essays will be judged on: development of ideas; organization of thoughts; demonstration of student's understanding of the teaching profession; and writing mechanics and grammatical structure.

Required Topics:

- **Essay 1: Why do you want to be a teacher?**
- **Essay 2: Choose one of the activities in which you have been involved and indicate how it demonstrates the qualities you will bring to teaching**
- **Essay 3: Choose one (or more) of your best teachers and identify the qualities that has made him/her a standout.**

Optional

- **Essay 4: Financial Need Essay (Optional). Are there other considerations of which we should be aware – financial need, family health concerns, other family circumstances?**