

# **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE FLORIDA TEACHERS**

It is impossible to estimate the contribution a great teacher makes to our nation, to society, and to the students taught during a lifetime of devoted service to the teaching profession. Unfortunately, there exists, and always has existed, a severe shortage of great teachers. The Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) has established a fund to assist the many young people who are interested in teaching, but unable to fulfill this goal without financial assistance.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Must be a **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IN 2023**
- 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 is placed on SAT and/or ACT scores. The minimum score for SAT is 1,000 or above (Reading and Math sections) or ACT is 22 or above.
- Participation and leadership in school and community activities.
- Poise and ability to communicate effectively.
- There is no restriction as to sex, race, religion, national origin, or size of school. FREF adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## **CONDITIONS**

A scholarship is awarded to a high school graduating senior for one year and can be renewed 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.

Scholarship recipients may attend any accredited Florida public or private community college, four-year college or university, provided that their programs are consistent with the goal of becoming a qualified teacher

---

**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

*Must be postmarked by: January 20, 2024*

**ATTENTION:** Unit Scholarship Chairman - Complete your name and unit information on Item #18 of this application **BEFORE** sending to a school or student.

Please print or type all information.

**Date:**

**Applicant Information:**

1. Name		Phone	
Address			
City		Cell Phone	
County		E-Mail	
State	Zip	fax	
2. Date of Birth	M	F	
3. High school currently attending:			
Phone			
Address			
City		State	Zip
4. Other members of your household:			
Name		Relationship	Employer
			Age
(If additional space is needed, add an extra sheet with heading: <i>Other Members of Your Household</i> )			
5. Family income for the past twelve months: \$			
6. Are there special conditions affecting the ability of your family to pay your college expenses, such as illness, support of a relative or other member of the family attending college while you are doing so? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, add an extra sheet with heading: <i>Special Family Conditions</i> .			
7. Name each scholarship and/or award for which you have applied.			
8. <b>Estimated financial assistance needed:</b>			
a. For each of the first two years:			
b. For each of the last two years:			



**9. On a single separate sheet, type a 300word essay which includes the following:**

A. Why you want to become a teacher.

B. Attributes or circumstances that qualify you to be a recipient of this scholarship.

C. Your educational and career goals.

D. The impact of your participation in extracurricular school and/or community activities.

**10. Tentative plans for attending college:**

Name school(s) to which you have applied.

Name schools(s) that have accepted your admission.

What are your plans after receiving your Bachelor's Degree in Education?

**11. Academic Requirements** - All items listed below must be documented on official high school transcript.

a. Unweighted GPA (3.0 minimum)

b. SAT test scores-Reading and Math, 1000 minimum \_\_\_\_ and/or ACT test score 22 minimum \_\_\_\_

**12. Leadership positions and participations in high school activities**

Activity	Position if Officer	Dates of Participation
a)		
b)		
c)		
d)		

If additional space is needed, add an extra sheet with heading: *High School Activities.*

**13. Leadership positions and participation in church, community or other volunteer services.**

Activity	Position if Leader	Dates of Participation
a)		
b)		
c)		
d)		

If additional space is needed, add an extra sheet with heading: *Community Activities.*

**14. Work Experience:**

<b>15. References:</b>		
a. Name	Phone	
Address	Email:	
City	State	Zip
Relationship	Years known	
b. Name	Phone	
Address	Email:	
City	State	Zip
Relationship	Years known	
<b>16. Letter of Recommendation:</b> Attach a Letter of Recommendation from one of the following: <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher, Guidance Counselor or Administrator.</p>		
<b>17. PLEASE READ AND SIGN:</b>		
I understand that if my application is approved, I shall be expected to sign a promissory note each year for the amount of the scholarship, and that each note can be repaid by one year of teaching in an accredited public or private school in Florida or in cash.		
Print Name:		
Signature:		Date:
<b>18.</b> Please mail the completed <b>Application Form</b> , and <b>Official High School Transcript</b> including Freshman through Junior years, with the ACT or SAT score(s) circled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Must be mailed no later than January 20, to the FREA Office.</b></li> <li>• <b>All transcripts and supporting paperwork, not available to be uploaded with application, must reach the FREA Office by January 31.</b></li> </ul>		

**Checklist for Scholarship Submission:**

- Completed Application
- Separate typed page stating additional information for questions 4, 6, 12, and 13 if used.
- Single page typed Essay
- Recommendation Letters
- Official high school transcript with ACT or SAT scores circled. In the event the ACT/SAT scores are not printed on the transcript, a student applying for this scholarship must send an official copy of these scores along with this application in order for consideration.

Send Applications by January 20, and Required Documents by January 31, to:

GERMAINE RICHARDS, PHD  
177 BOBWHITE RD  
ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL  
33411

~~FREA~~  
8950 9<sup>th</sup> St N #105  
St Petersburg, FL 33702

H: 561-753-3665  
C: 561-386-0695