

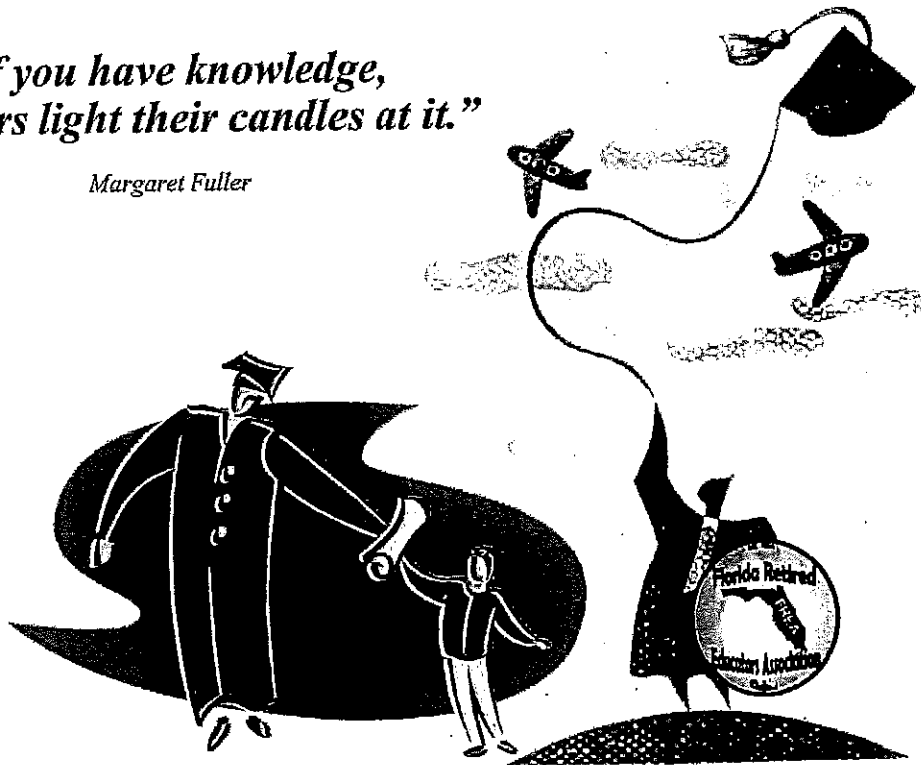
Due Jan 30th Feb. 25th

Florida Retired Educators Foundation

Scholarship Information

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let others light their candles at it."*

Margaret Fuller



Scholarship Information 2017-2018 School Years

Scholarships for Future Florida Teachers

Local FREA unit: Please fill in local information below,
on Header of Application, and Item #18 of the application.

Local FREA Unit:

**WEST JACKSON COUNTY RETIRED
EDUCATORS
ASSOCIATION**

Local FREA Unit Scholarship Chair:

Application must be postmarked by:

Florida Retired Educators Foundation

Scholarship for Future Florida Teachers

Each year high school seniors who wish to teach in the State of Florida have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF). Since 1980, FREF has awarded scholarships in excess of 1 million dollars to more than 400 students who want to be Florida Teachers.

FREF awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who wish to become teachers. Applications are submitted to the Local Units and then forwarded on to FREF for evaluation. Winners are selected in March with funding that begins in time for the fall term of college.

This scholarship pays \$4,000.00 over a four year period, \$1,000 per year.

Money is given to the student, not sent to the institution. For each year recipients use the scholarship, they are required to teach one year in the State of Florida or repay the money at 5% per annum.

To apply for this scholarship:

Scholarship application and local deadlines available from your school counselor or online at www.FREA.org

Or contact FREA at info@frea.org

or 727-577-6400

for local unit contact information.

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To apply for this scholarship, you must complete the scholarship application, and submit it along with a letter of recommendation and a high school transcript with ACT and SAT scores circled to the address below. Please read the detailed instructions for submission included in the scholarship packet.

Local Unit of Florida Retired Educators Association:	
Local Scholarship Chair:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:
Phone:	E-Mail:

Your application must be postmarked no later than:



Florida Retired Educators Foundation

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

This packet for schools has been prepared to provide information on scholarships awarded by the Florida Retired Educators Foundation, Inc.

- Included is a flyer and info sheet that may be posted (if school rules allow) on a bulletin board announcing the scholarship program.
- The criteria for eligibility, procedures for applying, and an application are also included.
- Completed application, official high school transcript, and letter of recommendation are to be sent to the LOCAL UNIT SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR as listed on Item #18 of application. Local units then set up an interview with student.
- For further information or forms please contact the Local Unit Scholarship Chair of the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA), or contact the FREA office at 727-577-6400 to get the name of unit contact. Our website is www.frea.org

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 2018**
- 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.

The amount of the scholarships shall be determined and granted annually by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. Scholarships currently are \$1,000 per year. 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 report to parents. 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 senior class counselor or career specialist in the local high school, 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 727-577-6400 or email info@frea.org. A current completed application form and a copy of the applicant's high school transcript; including Freshman through Junior years, with the ACT or SAT score circled, must be submitted to the local unit of the Florida Retired Educators Association. In the event the ACT/SAT scores are not printed on the high school transcript, a student applying for this scholarship must send an official copy of these scores along with this application in order to be considered.

This is to be done no later than the DEADLINE set by the local unit of the Association.

All applicants for the scholarships will be notified within three weeks of the decision of the FREF Trustees at their spring meeting.

FLORIDA RETIRED EDUCATORS FOUNDATION
2017-18 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Must be postmarked by:

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: *Other Members of Your Household*)

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: *Special Family Conditions*.

7. Name each scholarship and/or award for which you have applied.

8. Estimated financial assistance needed:

a. For each of the first two years:

b. For each of the last two years:

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

- Why you want to become a teacher.
- Attributes or circumstances that qualify you to be a recipient of this scholarship.
- Your educational and career goals.
- 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.

- Unweighted GPA (3.0 minimum)
- 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:

15. References:			
a. Name		Phone	
Address		Email:	
City		State	Zip
Relationship		Years known	
b. Name		Phone	
Address		Email:	
City		State	Zip
Relationship		Years known	
16. Letter of Recommendation: Attach a Letter of Recommendation from one of the following: Teacher, Guidance Counselor or Administrator.			
17. PLEASE READ AND SIGN:			
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:
18. Please mail the completed <u>Application Form</u>, and <u>Official High School Transcript</u> including Freshman through Junior years, with the ACT or SAT score(s) circled. Must be mailed no later than (date) _____ to the FREA local unit scholarship chair listed below:			
Local FREA Unit Name:			
Local FREA Unit Scholarship Chair:			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone		E-Mail	

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.

Mail your application to your local FREA Unit Scholarship Chair by the deadline.

If you do not know who your local Unit Scholarship Chair is, email the FREA State Office for your Local Unit contact info: info@frea.org or call 727-577-6400. Please include your school and county in the email.