

March 8, 2018

RE: 2018 Education Together Scholarships & Teacher Excellence Awards

Hello principals, counselors and teachers:

REMINDER: The deadline for EDUCATION TOGETHER SCHOLARSHIPS, MERCER UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS and TEACHER EXCELENCE AWARDS is one week from today – THURSDAY, MARCH 15.

General Guidelines for Education Together Scholarships

1. Must be a graduating senior at a public or private high school, or a home-schooled student in one of seven counties: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach or Twiggs.
2. Must be accepted to, and planning to enroll at one of five designated Education Together colleges: Central Georgia Technical College, Fort Valley State University, Mercer University, Middle Georgia State University or Wesleyan College.
3. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0, which the student is required to maintain throughout the scholarship.
4. The application period for Education Together scholarships opened December 15, 2017 and deadlines March 15, 2018.
5. In all Education Together scholarship categories, preference is given to students with the greatest financial need.
6. A student may only receive one Education Together scholarship: Education Together, Mercer University or Navicent Nursing.

I. Education Together Scholarship

Award: number varies – 18 scholars in 2016 & 2017. \$10,000 each (\$2,500 per year for up to four years).

1. Must meet all criteria in Education Together's general guidelines.

DIRECT LINK TO APPLY for an Education Together scholarship on the Community Foundation website: <https://remote.cfcga.org/webportal>.

II. Education Together Mercer University Scholarship guidelines (updated for 2018)

Award: 1 - \$15,000 (\$3,750 per year for up to four years).

- 1. Must be a 2018 Golden Eagle nominee in any category.**
- 2. Must meet all criteria in Education Together's general scholarship guidelines and complete an Education Together scholarship application.**
- 3. Additionally, applicants must submit an essay (100-200 words) answering two questions which can be found on the online application.**
- 4. The winner may use the Mercer University scholarship at Mercer University, or at any of the other four designated Education Together colleges in Middle Georgia: Central Georgia Technical College, Fort Valley State University, Middle Georgia State University or Wesleyan College.**

DIRECT LINK TO apply for the Mercer University scholarship online:

<https://cfcga.org/scholarship/education-together-mercer-university-scholarship/>

III. Education Together Teacher Excellence Award

Award: Up to five – \$1,000 each

Education Together also recognizes and rewards teacher excellence. Up to five high school teachers in the seven designated Education Together counties are selected. The money must be used for professional development, or to purchase resource materials for a class, classroom or school.

To nominate a teacher, go online to:

<http://www.macon.com/advertise/advertorial/education-together/> or email the following information to jgaudet@macon.com:

- 1. Your name, title, school name, email address and contact phone number.**
- 2. Your nominee's name, job title/position at your school, email address and contact phone number.**
- 3. Describe the character and work ethic of your nominee.**
- 4. How does your nominee impact students at your school?**
- 5. Describe your nominee's most significant contribution(s) to your school.**
- 6. Only one nominee per school. Given that Education Together is affiliated with the Golden Eagle Awards, the teacher must instruct seniors.**

Nominations for Teacher Excellence Awards are due by Thursday, March 12.

Teacher Excellence Award winners will be formally announced at the Golden Eagle Award ceremony on Tuesday evening, April 17 at Macon's Grand Opera House. The ceremony begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. and the doors open at 6:30 p.m. Photos will be taken immediately after the ceremony.

Winners and their nominators will be apprised in advance in order to make plans to attend. If your nominee wins, we hope you will attend, and we invite our winners to bring a guest. There is no charge for admission.