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Dear principals and counselors:

In 2016, The Telegraph launched Education Together, a new needs-based college scholarship program to defray the cost of higher education or technical training for ambitious economically disadvantaged students, and secondarily, to recognize excellence in teaching. In only two years, Education Together has awarded \$415,000 to 40 students and 10 teachers.

Currently, we're calling for Education Together scholarship applicants and Teacher Excellence Award nominees.

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 our seven designated 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 cumulative GPA of 2.0, which the student is required to maintain throughout the duration of the scholarship.
4. The application period to apply for an Education Together scholarship is December 15, 2017–March 15, 2018. This includes the Mercer University Scholarship and the Navicent Nursing Scholarship, which has a separate application process. The Navicent Nursing Scholarship is for students already accepted to nursing school at Middle Georgia State University or at Wesleyan College to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.
5. In all 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.
7. To apply, go to the Education Together scholarship information page on the Community Foundation website: <https://cfcga.org/scholarship/education-together-fund/>

I. Education Together Scholarships

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 as seen in general guidelines.**
- 2. Apply for the Education Together scholarship online at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia website, where you will also find many other scholarship opportunities:
<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.**
- 3. In addition to the general criteria for an Education Together scholarship, Mercer University Scholarship 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.**
- 5. Apply for the Mercer University scholarship online:
<https://cfcga.org/scholarship/education-together-mercer-university-scholarship/>**

III. Education Together Navicent Health Nursing Scholarship guidelines (updated for 2018)

Award: 2 - \$7,500 (\$3,750 per year for up to two years)

- 1. Must meet all criteria in Education Together's general guidelines.**
- 2. In addition to the general criteria for Education Together scholarships, applicants must complete all nursing prerequisites and be formally accepted into the nursing program at Middle Georgia State University or Wesleyan College, AND as a nursing student, complete all clinicals possible at Navicent Health facilities.**
- 3. Like all Education Together scholarships, preference is given to students with the greatest financial need.**

Apply online for an Education Together Navicent Health Nursing Scholarship:
<https://cfcga.org/scholarship/education-together-navicent-nursing-scholarship/>

III. Education Together Teacher Excellence Awards

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, complete the online nomination form on The Telegraph website:
<http://www.macon.com/advertise/advertorial/education-together/article 129612594.html>.
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.

Teacher Excellence Award Rules

- a. Only one nominee per school.
- b. Given Education Together's affiliation with the Golden Eagle Awards, the teacher must instruct seniors.
- c. Only principals, assistant principals and counselors may nominate a teacher. A teacher may not nominate another teacher.
- d. Nominations for Teacher Excellence Awards are due by Thursday, March 15.
- e. Teacher Excellence Award winners will be formally announced at the Golden Eagle Award ceremony on Tuesday evening, April 19 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 notified in advance in order to make plans to attend. Winners are invited to bring a guest. There is no charge for admission.