 **W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation**

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A program of FCRE – Fairfax County Retired Educators

 January 2025

Dear Student,

Thank you for applying for one of the scholarships available through Fairfax County Retired

Educators. Members are retired employees of Fairfax County Public Schools who are helping

to support the teachers of the future.

In order to be considered, each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Submit a transcript showing 1st -7th semester GPA of at least 2.7.
2. Plan to attend, on a full-time basis, a college or university which offers a teacher education program leading to certification. Two-year colleges do not offer teacher education programs.
3. Plan to teach after college graduation.
4. Work with the Career Center Specialist to submit the completed application by the date determined by your high school. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. Submit at least one (1) recommendation from someone in the field of education or activities related to children who has personal knowledge of your desire to be an educator. That person may not be a relative. Examples will be helpful to the scholarship committee*. A recommendation for college is* ***not*** *acceptable unless it focuses on your desire to become an educator*.
6. Submit a resume of school and community activities with emphasis on activities with children (peers) and active leadership (not limited to holding office.)
7. Submit three short essays, **one to two paragraphs** in length, in response to the following three questions related to teaching and your desire to enter the teaching profession. There is an **optional fourth essay,** which can be used to detail special circumstances such as financial need.
8. Sign photo and news release.

***Applications are available in your school’s career center and also online at* www.fcre.org/scholarship.html*.***

**Your** **application** **and supporting materials** **must** **be** **submitted** **to** **your** **Career** **Center**  **Specialist** **by** **the** **date** **determined** **by** **your** **high** **school.**  **The** **March** **25,** **2025** **date** **is** **our**  **deadline.** **Your** **school’s** **deadline** **will** **probably** **be** **sooner.**

 **Each high school may submit two nominee(s) to:**

 **Phyllis** **Rittman,** **Scholarship** **Director**

  **P0** **Box** **682**

 **Springfield,** **VA** **22150-0682**  **postmarked** **no** **later** **than MARCH 25,** **2025**

**2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR FCRE W. HAROLD FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

 ***(Please print in black ink or fill out online and mail in with application.)***

# Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Please print their names, as they will be invited to the scholarship luncheon in June if you are a winner*

# Career Center CC Specialist Specialist Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

**What college or university do you plan to attend next year? If undecided, please let us know where you have applied/where youʼve been accepted/where attending, if known.**

**Accepted\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# Applied \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* I have reviewed the requirements for the W. Harold Ford Foundation Scholarship, and I agree to follow the criteria for the Scholarship.
* Should I win one of the W. Harold Ford Foundation Scholarships, I give my permission to allow FCRE to publish pictures and information about me which will publicize the Ford Foundation Scholarship in the FCRE newsletter, ***The Advocate,*** and in any other news media chosen by FCRE.

**Studentʼs Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

# W. HAROLD FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

(*These scholarships are dedicated for future educators. Application forms*

*are available in your schoolʼs career center or online at*

www.fcre.org/scholarship.html)

Respond to the three required essay topics. They definitely count towards your score so donʼt treat them casually. The fourth one is optional.

1. Essays will be judged on development of ideas; organization of
 thoughts; and your interest in and commitment to becoming a teacher.
2. Each essay should be 1 to 2 paragraphs in length.

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: (Optional). Are there other considerations of which we should be
 aware ‒ financial need, family health concerns, other family
 circumstances?

Student Checklist for completed application:

**\_\_\_\_\_\_Application, signed with signature and printed name**

# \_\_\_\_\_\_Transcript

**\_\_\_\_\_\_Recommendation(s)** At least one (1) recommendation from

someone in the field of education or activities related to children who has knowledge of your desire to be an educator. That person may not be a relative. This person should have recent knowledge of you and your activities. I.e., your 2nd grade teacher wouldnʼt be a good choice unless you have recently been in the classroom as a volunteer working with the children. *A recommendation for college is* ***not*** *acceptable unless it focuses on your desire to become an educator.*

**\_\_\_\_\_\_Resumé**

\_\_\_\_\_**Essays**

Remember, your application and supporting materials must be submitted to your Career Center Specialist by the date determined by your high school. Each high school will submit their nominee(s) to:

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