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2018-2019 Para-Educator Scholarship

Deadline: March 8, 2019 5 PM
SBO 302 Dare Road

Guidelines for Application

Purpose

In order to support York County Para-Educators with their continued professional development and education, The York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. (YFPE) is pleased to offer "Para-Educator Scholarships." These scholarships are offered to current York County School Division Para-Educators having two or more years of longevity in the division and who aspire to continue their professional or career development.

Fundable Activities

Para-Educator Scholarships must be used to defray costs incurred by scholarship winners to attend workshops, conferences or college courses (graduate or undergraduate) that focus on educational based curriculum.

Para-Educator Scholarship Sponsors

- York Foundation for Public Education Para-Educator Scholarships.
- Spectrum Comm Inc. Para-Educator Scholarship.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship, the candidate must be employed as a Para-Educator in the York County School Division and have **completed at least two years** of continuous service with the York County School Division. At the time of submitting the application, candidates should be full-time Para-Educators.

Amount of Award

Nine (9) scholarships of a maximum of \$400 each will be awarded to eligible candidates selected by a committee of at least three YFPE trustees. The majority of committee members shall have professional backgrounds in public education. Scholarship awards will be made in accordance with the judging criteria, within the allocated budget. **Dollar amount and the number of recipients may vary.**

Due Date

All completed applications must be submitted to Belinda Willis, Foundation Liaison at the York County School Board Office **no later than March 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm**. Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before March 30, 2017.

Required Documentation

Scholarship recipients must submit evidence of completion of class or attendance of conference.

Application Requirements

A complete application must include the following information:

- A completed entry form.
- One letter of reference from the candidate's school principal or supervisor. The letter should address the candidate's commitment to providing effective learning experiences for all learners and describe how the candidate performs his or her role as a Para-Educator.
- Approval of conference attendance through the York County PDR process (if applicable).
- Conference flyer or graduate course description.
- A one page letter written by the candidate that addresses in separate paragraphs each of the following topics:

- **Explain your need for the scholarship. Will the scholarship funds be used for conference fees, course tuition, travel expenses, room and board and/or materials and supplies?**
- **Discuss how you plan to share the new information you attained in your workshop, class or conference with other Para-Educators in your school.**

Judging Criteria

Applications will be judged at YFPE's sole discretion based on the candidates' demonstration of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to championing excellence in education in the classroom while assisting other professionals and students.
- The conference, class or workshop which the candidate plans to fund with the proceeds of the scholarship and how it relates to effective classroom practices for Para-Educators.

Helpful Hints

Fill out the application form completely. **Incomplete and handwritten applications will not be considered.** Only conferences that have been approved through the PDF process will be approved. Only conferences, workshops and undergraduate/graduate classes that feature researched-based instructional strategies and/or effective use of educational practices for Para-Educators will be considered.

Contact Katie Crowell, Foundation Liaison for further information (757) 898-0451 or kcrowell@ycsd.york.va.us

**2018-2019 Para-Educator Scholarship
APPLICATION**

SUBMIT 8 COPIES OF THE APPLICATION

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Total number of years as a Para-Educator in YCSD: _____

Complete one of the two options below and provide corresponding information.

Workshop/ conference you plan to attend:

Title of event: _____

Date of event: _____

Estimated cost of event: _____

(Please submit conference flyer)

OR

Class in which you plan to enroll:

College or University: _____

Name of Course: _____

Date of Course: _____

Course Amount: _____

Have you applied for/or are you receiving tuition assistance outside of YCSD? Yes No

If yes, name of agency or university: _____

(Please attach course description)

For Office Use Only Application # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Spectrum Award Recipient
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