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# **2018-2019**

# **Teacher Scholarships for**

# **Effective Student Learning**

  

## **Application**

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

## Guidelines for Application

### ***Purpose***

In order to support York County School Division teachers with their continued professional development and education as well as to promote teacher retention in York County Schools, The York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. (YFPE) is pleased to offer “Teacher Scholarships for Effective Student Learning.” These scholarships are offered to York County School Division teachers having three or more years of longevity in the division and who aspire to model excellence in effective instructional delivery and assessment of learning.

### ***Why Teacher Scholarships***

YFPE supports the efforts of the York County School Board to recruit, hire and retain highly qualified instructional staff. Research has shown that highly qualified teachers are in demand and are essential for providing effective instructional experiences for all learners.

### **Teacher Scholarship Sponsors**

- York Foundation of Public Education Teacher Scholarships.
- Spectrum Comm Inc. Teacher Scholarship.
- Steve and Cheryl Ashe’s Celebrating Excellence in Teaching Scholarship in Honor of Monica Shepard.

### ***Fundable Activities***

Teacher Scholarships must be used to defray costs incurred by scholarship winners to attend workshops, conferences or college courses (graduate or undergraduate) that focus on researched-based instructional strategies and/or technology in education.

### ***Eligibility***

To be eligible for a scholarship, the candidate must be employed as an educator in York County and have **completed at least three years** of continuous service in the York County School Division. At the time of submitting the application, candidates should be full-time licensed employees.

### ***Amount of Award***

Sixteen (16) Scholarships of a maximum of 650 each may 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.**

### ***Important Dates***

All completed applications must be submitted to **Katie Crowell, 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, 2018.

### ***Required documentation***

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

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### ***Application Requirements***

A complete application must include the following information:

1. A completed entry form.
2. One letter of reference from the candidate's school principal or direct supervisor. The letter should address the candidate's commitment to providing effective learning experiences for all learners and describe how the candidate has incorporated research-based instruction and technology into his or her classroom or school curriculum.
3. Approval of conference attendance through the York County PDR process (if applicable).
4. Conference flyer or graduate course description.
5. A letter written by the candidate that addresses in separate paragraphs each of the following topics:
  - a. **Explain how you have used researched-based instructional strategies or educational technology in your classroom recently and how you have shared these practices with others. Provide examples.**
  - b. **Describe the conference, class or workshop you plan to attend and its relevance to your repertoire of teaching strategies. What are your reasons for attending the conference or taking the class? What do you hope to learn? Is it part of your professional development plan?**
  - c. **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?**
  - d. **Discuss how you plan to share the new information you attained in your workshop, class or conference with other teachers in your school.**

### ***Judging Criteria***

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

- innovation in implementing research-based instructional strategies and technology into the classroom,
- understanding of research-based instructional strategies' impact on student learning,
- commitment to championing excellence in education by sharing with others; and,
- the conference, class or workshop which the candidate plans to fund with the proceeds of the scholarship and how it relates to effective instructional delivery.

### ***Helpful hints***

Fill out the application form completely. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- Only conferences that have been approved through the PDF process will be approved.
- Only conferences, workshops and graduate classes that feature researched-based instructional strategies and/or effective use of educational technology (examples: differentiated instruction or assessment for understanding) will be accepted. Also, local, national or international conferences providing opportunities to gain current knowledge about high-quality instructional techniques and their effective use are eligible.
- Please attach flyer or other information describing the event with your application.
- When writing paragraphs addressing the fifth application requirement, please write enough information to give a complete response to each of the four topics. We do not require a lengthy essay, but we are looking for applicants who amply demonstrate that they meet the judging criteria.

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

**2018-2019 Teacher Scholarship  
APPLICATION**  
**SUBMIT 8 COPIES OF THE APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of years teaching: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years teaching at YCSD: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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)

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Spectrum Award Recipient

Application # \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenses and estimated costs. (Please complete as appropriate)**

Estimated cost of conference event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost of college course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation and Travel costs: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total expected costs:** \_\_\_\_\_

Will another agency or university share the costs?      Yes                  No  
If, yes, amount expected: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Letter of Submission**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_      School phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I acknowledge that all information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my ability. I authorize the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. (YFPE) to reproduce and/or publish my picture(s) or likeness(es) for the promotion of YFPE programs. I understand that I will not be reimbursed in cash or in kind now or in the future.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Complete this form and return it with the other application requirements detailed on page 2.

**Note: After recipient is enrolled and successfully attending an accredited college or university, or workshop/conference, send registration record and request for payment to:**

**Katie Crowell, Foundation Liaison  
York County School Division, 302 Dare Road, Yorktown, VA 23692**

**Disbursement of scholarship awards will be made upon receipt registration record and request for payment.**

**Entries must be submitted on or before March 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM**