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2017-18 Golden Futures Scholarship



This form and associated materials must be received by:

Monday, December 11th, 2017

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The Golden Futures Scholarship was created by the Academy of Teachers and The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools to provide opportunities for emerging Lee County educators. The Scholarship provides four years of tuition to Florida SouthWestern State College and is awarded annually to a deserving Lee County high school senior who exemplifies qualities of educational leadership and a passion to teach.

Golden Futures Scholars will receive:

- A four year tuition scholarship to Florida SouthWestern State College
- Mentorship and support from The Academy of Teachers throughout college and into their initial teaching experience

Student Eligibility:

- Must be a 12th grade student in a Lee County public school
- Must be enrolled in Lee County public school for a minimum of one school year
- Must meet the attendance requirements of the Lee County School District
- Upon college graduation, the student commits to teach a minimum of four years in the Lee County School District

Candidates must:

1. Provide a certified copy of their high school transcripts.
2. Submit written recommendations from at least two educators that have worked directly with the applicant (e.g. principal, assistant principal, counselor, classroom teacher, or athletic coach).
3. Provide an essay explaining why you are interested in becoming a Lee County educator and what subject(s) you wish to instruct. This must be a minimum of 500 words and no more than 2,000 words, typed and double-spaced, attached with the application.

Application Deadline:

All application materials must be received at the office of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools by **Monday, December 11th, 2017**.

Selection Process:

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of the applicant demonstrating the desire to pursue *and complete* a Bachelor's degree with a major in Education.

After the initial review to ensure submissions are complete, each applicant's application, letters of recommendation and essay will be evaluated.

Selected candidates will be invited to interview with the selection committee on an assigned date to determine the final recipient.

The scholarship funds will be awarded directly to Florida SouthWestern State College.

If in the sole opinion of the selection committee no applicant meets all the criteria, no recipient will be selected.

Application Procedure:

A complete application consists of:

1. A completed and signed formal application
2. Two written recommendations with contact information included
3. Certified copy of Lee County high school transcripts
4. An original essay meeting criteria above

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

Attn: Golden Futures Scholarship

P.O. Box 1608

Fort Myers, Florida 33902

Or, the completed application may be emailed to Courtney@leeschoolfoundation.org

For more information contact:

Courtney Wood

239-337-0433 or Courtney@leeschoolfoundation.org

Director of Scholarships

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

Personal Information:

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Permanent Address City State Zip

Telephone E-mail Address

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth

Academic Information:

School Name

School Address

School Phone Number Principal's Name

Expected Graduation Date

Academic Information:

Applicant must include a certified high school transcript of grades and have the section below completed by an authorized school official.

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____			
Cumulative GPA _____/4.0 scale (unweighted) _____/5.0 scale (weighted)			
SAT: Reading _____ Math _____ ACT: English _____ Math _____ Avg _____			
_____ School official's signature	_____ Title	_____ Date	_____ Telephone Number

Activities:

Please list all school or community activities and related honors and awards in which you have participated during the past 4 years. (You may attach additional sheets, if needed)

School or Community Activity	No. of Years Participating	Awards, Honors, or Office Held

Work Experience:

Please list any work experience during the past 4 years. Please provide dates of employment, contact information, and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Position/Company	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per Week	Supervisor's Name and Phone Number

Comments or Additional Information:

Essay:

The following essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed more than 2,000 words (and a have a minimum of 500 words).

Explain why you are interested in becoming a Lee County educator and what subject(s) you wish to instruct.

Certification of Application

I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be shared with the Golden Futures Scholarship selection committee. I understand that falsification of information on the application or accompanying supporting documents can result in the termination of any scholarship granted. Acceptance of the Golden Futures scholarship indicates my permission for the promotion and publication of my award. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools reserves the right to process only applications found to be eligible according to the guidelines and fully completed by the deadline of Wednesday, December 14th, 2016.

I certify that the information provided on the application and all supplemental forms is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Are you a legal U.S. resident? Yes_____ No_____

Have you ever been adjudicated guilty of criminal offense or violation or had adjudication withheld in relation to any criminal offense or violation with which you've been charged? Yes_____ No _____

If yes, explain:

APPLICATION MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Guidance Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

FERPA RELEASE

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I authorize the release of all academic records, including graduation, registration, disciplinary records, financial aid, financial records, business records, and residence life records and information to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and/or its representatives until I rescind this consent.

Student Signature

Date

Telephone Number

Email Address

Have you included the following:

- ____ Completed application form
- ____ A certified copy of your Lee County high school transcripts
- ____ At least two letters of recommendation from qualifying educators
- ____ An original essay meeting the requested criteria

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