



## Georgia Association of Educators Foundation

### 2017 Scholarship Application for Educational Support Professionals

The Georgia Association of Educators Foundation exists to provide enhanced educational opportunities for every student by training, developing and empowering Georgia's public school educators. As part of this mission, the GAE Foundation provides scholarships of up to \$1,000 each year to educational support professionals who are continuing their professional growth by attending a professional development program or by enrolling in an accredited college or university pursuing a degree in education. So, if you want to enhance your educational skills and continue to make a difference in the life of a student, the GAE Foundation wants to help you achieve your goal.

#### **Eligibility**

All Georgia public school educational support professionals that enroll in either (1) a professional development program or (2) a college or university pursuing a degree majoring in teaching/education are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Each scholarship award will be up to \$1,000.

#### **Requirements**

- A. Please read all instructions carefully before completing this application.
- B. Complete the scholarship application form in its entirety. Type the application (preferred) or print legibly. Sign and date the application form.
- C. Complete an essay up to 500 words. The essay should be typed using a 12-point or larger font. Please select one of these topics for your essay:
  - "How Do You Believe This Professional Development Program Will Enhance Your On-The-Job Work Skills?", or
  - "Why Do You Choose to Become a Teacher and What Do You Hope to Accomplish in This Profession?"
- D. Submit two sealed letters of recommendation.
- E. Submit the entire packet by the deadline date of **February 1, 2017**. Incomplete scholarship application packets will not be eligible for consideration. Submit your application using one-sided documents. Do not staple. Application packets must be **postmarked by February 1, 2017**. Mail or deliver to:

**Georgia Association of Educators Foundation**  
**Attn: Scholarship**  
**100 Crescent Center Parkway, Suite 500 | Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050**

#### **Special Notes**

- ☆ Scholarship winners will be notified in May 2017.
- ☆ All application materials submitted shall be retained by the Foundation and will not be returned to the applicant.
- ☆ Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the College or University the winner is attending. Proof of enrollment will be required prior to scholarship award payment. If attending a professional development program, the actual cost of the program will be reimbursed upon proof of enrollment up to \$1,000.
- ☆ Award winners must accept their award and enroll in a professional development program or college or university by **December 31, 2017** or the winner will forfeit their scholarship award.
- ☆ Members or relatives of the Georgia Association of Educators Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible to receive scholarships or grants awarded by the Georgia Association of Educators Foundation.
- ☆ If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact the GAE Foundation at (678) 837-1100. You may email us at [Foundation@GAE.org](mailto:Foundation@GAE.org).