

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Scholarship Application**

**Send to: The Community Foundation of Frederick County, MD, Inc.
312 East Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701**

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Fund was established through a financial gift by Irl and Ella Beall. This gift has enabled the Association to offer a scholarship to those engaged in education in the public schools of Maryland and who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification. Applicants must hold a high school diploma or a GED certificate and must intend to teach in Maryland.

The critical shortage of certified teachers in the public school systems of Maryland is of concern to all. One of the goals of MRSPA is to encourage and assist those currently employed by our school systems to become certified teachers. MRSPA, therefore, offers eligible individuals to apply for scholarship assistance through our Fund.

Eligible applicants include:

- Uncertified teachers
- Teacher assistants
- Teacher aides
- Substitute teachers
- Other State of Maryland public school system employees

The applicant must provide the following in his/her application packet:

The completed scholarship application

Official college transcript (minimum GPA of 2.5 at time of application)

Two reference letters from persons unrelated to the applicant

Maximum 250 word essay on why the applicant wants to obtain teacher certification

Maximum 250 word essay explaining financial need

The award is made payable to the institution of higher learning designated by the recipient. If the scholarship is not fully utilized within a period of one calendar year from the date of the award, the unused portion shall be returned to the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Fund.

The time line for the submission of applications and the granting of awards is as follows:

November 2, 2009 Mailing and publicity of scholarship application

February 15, 2010 5:00 p.m. Deadline for receipt of applications

May 11, 2010 MRSPA Annual Business Meeting –

Announcement of scholarship awards and recognition of recipients

July, 2010 Scholarship Agreement must be returned to the Community Foundation of Frederick County.

August, 2010 Scholarship checks awarded

All questions and inquiries should be directed to: Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, 8379 Piney Orchard Pkwy., Suite A, Odenton, MD 21113, 410-551-1517 / 1-877-625-6782 or by e-mail: mrspace@mrspa.org.

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Phone: 301-695-7660
Email: info@cffredco.org

The goal of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Scholarship is to provide certified teachers for the public school classrooms of Maryland. In order to be eligible to apply you must be currently employed by a State of Maryland Public School.

Please type or print using blue or black ink. Illegible applications will not be considered.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street and Number City State Zip

Telephone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Permanent Address if different from above: _____

Educational Background:

High School Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ or Date of GED awarded: _____

Colleges attended (if applicable):

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Work Experience: (Please include name of State of Maryland Public School where currently employed, dates, work site, type of work)

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1. **In 250 words or less**, explain why you want to obtain teacher certification. State the area of education you are considering and explain why you are interested in this field.
(Please attach essay to application.)

2. **In 250 words or less**, explain your need for financial assistance.
(Please attach essay to application.)

3. **Recommendations: Applicants must have two (2) of the following persons submit a letter of reference with the application. If recommendations are not from the sources listed below your application will not be considered. The two reference letters must be from persons unrelated to the applicant.**

1. A building principal for applicants employed at a school site.
2. Your immediate supervisor if other than the building principal.
3. A colleague or college instructor who is familiar with your work.

4. College name and address where you are currently enrolled. **Please submit the most recent official college transcript. To be eligible, transcript must demonstrate a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.**

5. Transcripts **MUST** accompany the completed application. Transcripts sent under separate cover will not be considered.

The information provided herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge. If I am awarded the scholarship, I will abide by the terms of the scholarship and teach in the State of Maryland.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Complete application and supporting documents, including two letters of recommendation and an official transcript, must be received by The Community Foundation of Frederick County, MD, Inc. on or before 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2010.

**THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**