January 14, 2022

Dear Administrator:

Again, this year, the GRE Foundation, an affiliate of the Georgia Retired Educators Association, will be awarding grants/scholarships to educators for their use in a manner most suited to their individual need while pursuing a degree, advanced certification, or while adding a field in education. All educators certified or classified and employed in a Georgia PreK through 12th grade school system are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

The GRE Foundation board members would like for you to make this information and application available to all educators in your school system. Please make copies of this email available to your staff and to all personnel under your leadership.

Also, a copy may be obtained at www.garetirededucators.org or by emailing Barbara T. Wilcher at watusi50@att.net; Rita Marable at roml146@flintcatv.net; or me, Patricia Bassett at 1pjbasset@pstel.net.

Sincerely,

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GRE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This year as in previous years, the Georgia Retired Educators Foundation award scholarships to teachers and paraprofessionals throughout the state of Georgia who are pursuing a higher degree in education. The GRE Foundation Scholarship Application may be found online by going to the Georgia Retired Educators website at garetirededucators.org; It must be printed and mailed to the address below. Please note: The application can not be submitted online. It must be mailed.

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Important Information

1) This is a one-time grant in the amount of $1,000.00 which may be applied for annually. It is intended to be used in pursuing a degree in education such as certification, advanced certification, or adding a field of endorsement. This grant is available to any certified or classified educator employed in a Georgia school system (PreK-grade 12).

2) The deadline for GRE Foundation to receive your application is the second Friday in April.

3) Only winners will be notified by the third Friday in June. If you were not notified by June 30th, you were not selected. The check will be mailed to the winner as soon as a note of acknowledgement, (by way of email), is received. This note will be used by the GRE Foundation as verification. Be sure to provide an email address where you may be reached during the month of June; not your school email address.

4) Information, including the name and picture of winners, will be published in the GREA BULLETIN. You may obtain a copy on the GREA website.

5) All application information is to be mailed in one package to the address above. This includes the application printed on the front side only, a picture no larger than a 5x7 with your name and email address printed on back, and a sealed envelope with a letter of recommendation from an immediate supervisor not related to you. Since this is a busy time of the year for staff and supervisors, it might be helpful for you to request this letter early.

6) The GRE Foundation screening committee will judge applications.

7) Picture nor application will be returned. This information will become the sole property of the GRE Foundation.
GRE FOUNDATION GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name_____________________________________________________________________________________________________

GREA Area (garetiredeeducators.org) ____________________________ County ____________________________

Mailing address________________________________________________________________________________________________

Cellular phone number___________________________ Email address___________________________

CURRENT CERTIFICATE- Level & Type______________________________________________________________
(Ex. Elementary- T-4; Middle- Provisional; High- T-5)

Current Grade Level & subject ____________________________

Number of years of experience_________________________________________________________________________

Educational Institution you are attending or will attend______________________________________________

What is your purpose in returning to higher education? Select one

1) Initial Education degree_________  2) Advanced Degree _________ Level ____________

3) Certification____________________________ Field_______________________________________________

4) Endorsement____________________________ Field_______________________________________________

5) Other_____________________ Describe______________________________________________________________

CHECK OFF LIST

_______ Picture with name and email address on back

_______ Application form – 2 pages printed on front side only

_______ Sealed letter of recommendation from a non-relative supervisor. Letter must be sealed in a
school envelope and mailed with your application package.
Please respond to the following questions. Limit your response to the space provided.

1) What is the goal for yourself and your students in pursuing a higher level of education?

2) Briefly explain your personal and financial need for this grant?

3) In what ways do you serve your community in meeting its need for educational improvements? List all professional and civic organizations of which you are a member.

4) Describe your involvement in special school activities beyond your contractual obligations; such as clubs, SACS reviews, sports, etc.

5) In one or two sentences, tell us why you feel you should be selected as a scholarship recipient.