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January 16, 2023

Dear Superintendent/Principal:

Again this year, the GRE Foundation, an affiliate of the Georgia Retired Educators Association, will be awarding ten \$1,000.00 grants/scholarships to educators or paraprofessionals to use in a manner most suited to their individual need while pursuing a degree or an advanced degree in education. Any certified or classified employee who is employed in a Georgia, Pre-K through 12 school, is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The GRE Foundation board members are asking that you make available copies of this e-mail along with the application to your staff and to all personnel under your leadership.

Also, a copy may be obtained by e-mailing me at watusi50@att.net, from the secretary, Marsha Bond at mgbond@windstream.net, or from any board member.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance in our efforts to help Georgia teachers/paraprofessionals.

Please note: This application is also available to classified staff that are pursuing a degree in education.

Sincerely,

Barbara T. Wilcher
Foundation Chair
1540 Carl Drive,
Thomson, GA 30824

Rita Marable
250 Kirby Ave
Roberta, GA 31078

Attachment: Application (2 pages) plus map

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 obtained from your principal or superintendent, a GRE Foundation member, or online by going to the Georgia Retired Educators website at garetirededucators.org. To apply, mail the completed application to the address below. **Please note: The application *cannot* be submitted online. It must be mailed to the address below.**

GRE Foundation

Patricia Bassett

190 New Street

Roberta, GA 31078

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 employee who works in a Georgia school system grades PreK- 12).
- 2) The GRE Foundation application **must be postmarked** on or before the second Friday in April. There is no need to send by special mails.
- 3) **Only winners will be notified by the third Friday in June. If you *were not* notified by June 30th, you were not awarded a scholarship.** The check will be mailed to the winners 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, suitable for reprint**, 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 all applications.
- 7) Picture nor application will be returned. This information will become the sole property of the GRE Foundation. Feel free to keep a copy of this application.

FOR OFFICE USE

APPLICATION #

DATE RECEIVED

GRE FOUNDATION GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

GRE Area (see map attached) _____ County _____

Mailing address _____

Cellphone number _____ Email address _____

CURRENT CERTIFICATE- Level & Type _____

(Ex. Elementary- T-4; Middle- Provisional; High- T-5); BA; BS; MA;

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.

_____ A picture, suitable for publication, with your name and email address on back

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.

