



2018 SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER FORUM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INFORMATION

Thanks to successful fundraiser endeavors and generous donations of Sumter educators, the Sumter School District Teacher Forum is pleased to offer three General Forum Scholarships and one Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship to help cover college expenses for the 2018-2019 school year. (Scholarship amounts will be announced at a later date.)

WHO CAN APPLY: Sumter School District high school seniors who are planning to major in Education and attend a South Carolina College/University to become a teacher are welcome to apply. Minorities and males are strongly encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Download the application from the Sumter School District website under the Teacher Forum Scholarship tab under Quick Links (www.sumterschools.net).
- Complete the application, make two (2) copies, and attach a sealed official high school transcript.
- Give your three recommenders a copy of the recommendation form.
- Recommenders should be instructed to return forms to your high school's guidance office.
- School counselors will be responsible for checking the contents of each application and will ensure the original printed application and two (2) copies of the full application are contained in a sealed brown envelope.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Academic Record	(30%)
Activities (School, Community, and Employment)	(30%)
Written Expression and Commitment	(20%)
Recommendation Letters	(20%)

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE:

Activity	Timeline
Deadline for Applications/Recommendations to be Submitted to School Counselors	Thursday, March 1, 2018
Scholarship Applications to Shelly Galloway for Review and Preparation	Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:00 p.m.
Screening of Applications to Identify Finalists	March 10-15, 2018
Finalists Notified via Phone	Friday, March 16, 2018
Finalist Interviews	Saturday, March 24, 2018
Award Recipients Notified via Phone	No Later Than April 11, 2018
Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception at the “Celebration of Excellence” at Crestwood High School	Tuesday, May 1, 2018 5:00 p.m.
<i>In submitting your application, you agree to attend and participate in the Scholarship Award Ceremony and Reception should you be successfully awarded the scholarship. All applicants are advised to keep May 1, 5-6:30 p.m. open on your calendar!</i>	

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

The scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipients’ College/University in August 2018 by the Sumter School District Executive Director of Finance.

**Teacher Forum Scholarship
APPLICATION**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION (please make sure you do the following):

1. **Type** all requested information.
2. Secure **three** recommendations: **two** from your **current school year instructors** and **one** from an **instructor of your choice (forms provided)**.
3. Complete your **essay** and include it with your application.
4. Attach **one sealed copy of your official high school transcript** (in a separate envelope).
5. Return **THE ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES** of your completed application packet to your school counselor.
6. The entire packet must be received on or before March 1, 2018.
7. The receipt of your application packet will be confirmed by email.

II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____
(First/Middle/Last)

Home Address _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone number _____

Email address: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____
(choose a number)

Gender: ____ Female ____ Male	1. Hispanic or Latino	2. Non-Hispanic or Latino	3. American-Indian or Alaskan Native
	4. Asian	5. Black or African-American	6. White or Caucasian
	7. Other		

Parent(s) Name _____

Parent(s) Home/Cell Phone _____

Your School Counselor's Name and Email

Did you participate in ProTeam in middle school? ____Yes ____No

Have you taken, or are you going to take, a Teacher Cadet Program in high school?

____Yes ____No

How did you hear about the Teacher Forum Scholarship?

Current High School _____

Cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

College of choice _____
Have you been accepted? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting response <input type="checkbox"/>

III. SIGNIFICANT HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, AND HONORS/RECOGNITION (indicate total number of years and/or months (eg, 2 yrs 4 mos) for each activity and leadership position; indicate specific year for each honor/recognition):

IV. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A. Community activities during high school years (indicate total number of years and/or months):

B. Work experiences starting with your most current position.

1. Company name _____

Position held _____ Number of months employed _____

Supervisor's name and phone number _____

2. Company name _____

Position held _____ Number of months employed _____

Supervisor's name and phone number _____

IV. CONFIRMATION

My signature below affirms that my responses in this application are accurate, that I am the sole author of this work, and that I intend to be an education major in college.

Should I be selected as a scholarship recipient, I authorize Sumter School District Teacher Forum to release my information to local media and agree to attend and participate in the Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception at the "Celebration of Excellence" event on May 1, 2018 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Crestwood High School. I understand I will be required to give my social security number to Sumter School District Teacher Forum if I am selected.

Signature _____ Date _____

Supporting Signatures

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

School Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

V. **ESSAY:** Respond to the following quote. Your essay must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point, with one-inch margins. Do not exceed two pages in length.

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” – William Butler Yeats

(Essay Space Continued)

VII. TEACHER/ INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION #1
FROM A CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR INSTRUCTOR
For the Sumter School District Teacher Forum Scholarship

Please take a few moments to rank the applicant on the following criteria.

Your impressions of the applicant are extremely important and will be used to make a final selection. Applicants will not see this recommendation form. Additional pages will not be considered. Please return the completed recommendation in a sealed envelope to your school's guidance office.

Applicant's Name _____

***Return To _____ (Supervising School Counselor) by March 1, 2018.**

Please rank the student from **1** (weakness) to **5** (strength) in the following areas:

1. Interest in teaching profession	1	2	3	4	5
2. Potential to become an outstanding teacher	1	2	3	4	5
3. Works cooperatively with students and teachers	1	2	3	4	5
4. Completes work on time	1	2	3	4	5
5. Manages in-class time wisely	1	2	3	4	5
6. Self-motivation	1	2	3	4	5
7. Ability to work independently	1	2	3	4	5
8. Writing ability	1	2	3	4	5
9. Positive and enthusiastic attitude	1	2	3	4	5
10. Active participation in class discussions	1	2	3	4	5
11. Attention to detail	1	2	3	4	5
12. Leadership qualities	1	2	3	4	5
13. Critical thinking and questioning skills	1	2	3	4	5
14. Ability to accept constructive criticism	1	2	3	4	5

When and where did you teach the applicant? _____

Additional Comments:

Signature

Date

**VII. TEACHER/ INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION #2
 FROM A CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR INSTRUCTOR
 For the Sumter School District Teacher Forum Scholarship**



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Applicant's Name _____

***Return To _____ (Supervising School Counselor) by March 1, 2018.**

Please rank the student from **1** (weakness) to **5** (strength) in the following areas:

1. Interest in teaching profession	1	2	3	4	5
2. Potential to become an outstanding teacher	1	2	3	4	5
3. Works cooperatively with students and teachers	1	2	3	4	5
4. Completes work on time	1	2	3	4	5
5. Manages in-class time wisely	1	2	3	4	5
6. Self-motivation	1	2	3	4	5
7. Ability to work independently	1	2	3	4	5
8. Writing ability	1	2	3	4	5
9. Positive and enthusiastic attitude	1	2	3	4	5
10. Active participation in class discussions	1	2	3	4	5
11. Attention to detail	1	2	3	4	5
12. Leadership qualities	1	2	3	4	5
13. Critical thinking and questioning skills	1	2	3	4	5
14. Ability to accept constructive criticism	1	2	3	4	5

When and where did you teach the applicant? _____

Additional Comments:

Signature

Date

**VII. TEACHER/ INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION #3
FROM AN INSTRUCTOR OF APPLICANT'S CHOICE
For the Sumter School District Teacher Forum Scholarship**

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Applicant's Name _____

***Return To _____ (Supervising School Counselor) by March 1, 2018.**

Please rank the student from **1** (weakness) to **5** (strength) in the following areas:

1. Interest in teaching profession	1	2	3	4	5
2. Potential to become an outstanding teacher	1	2	3	4	5
3. Works cooperatively with students and teachers	1	2	3	4	5
4. Completes work on time	1	2	3	4	5
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12. Leadership qualities	1	2	3	4	5
13. Critical thinking and questioning skills	1	2	3	4	5
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When and where did you teach the applicant? _____

Additional Comments:

Signature

Date