



Wayne D. Lett Scholar Program

Overview

The Wayne D. Lett Scholar Program is a merit-based award of **\$8,000.00** given to a Newport News Public School Senior who plans to be a teacher and will make a commitment to teaching in Newport News Public Schools upon college graduation. The Program is administered by the Newport News Education Foundation as a tribute to Wayne D. Lett, Ed.D., former superintendent of Newport News Public Schools who retired after 34 years of service in public education.

The student chosen as the Wayne D. Lett Scholar will receive an offer of employment as a teacher in the Newport News school system upon graduation from college. The recipient must commit to teach in Newport News for three consecutive years after graduation. The recipient will also have the option to complete a student teaching assignment in the school division.

Selection Criteria for Scholarship

- Submit a 500-word essay with the scholarship application explaining why you want to be a teacher
- Possess at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA through high school graduation
- Provide documented record of extracurricular school activities and community involvement
- Provide evidence of technology proficiency
- Make a commitment to teaching 3 years in Newport News Public Schools

Scholarship Award Schedule

- \$2000.00 Awarded at the beginning of the college freshman year
- \$2000.00 Awarded at the beginning of the college sophomore year
- \$2000.00 Awarded at the beginning of the college junior year
- \$2000.00 Awarded at the beginning of the college senior year

Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipient

- Student will attend college on a full-time basis
- Student will maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 through college graduation
- Consider option to student teach in NNPS
- In the event that recipient's employment with NNPS terminates less than three years for any reason, he/she agrees to reimburse the NNEF for a pro rata share of the scholarship funds paid on my behalf.

Application Procedure

Newport News Public School high school seniors should submit a completed application and 500-word essay to the Newport News Education Foundation at 12507 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23606 by March 31, 2014. Applications will be reviewed and interviews conducted to select finalists who will then be interviewed by representatives from the Newport News Education Foundation and Newport News Public Schools. The scholarship recipient will be selected in May.

The recipient will be invited to attend the Newport News Educational Foundation's *Salute to Success* banquet honoring the division's top scholars. The winner will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Wayne D. Lett and give brief remarks on why he/she chose teaching as a career.

Application deadline: March 31, 2014



Wayne D. Lett Scholar Program Application

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Please Print

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Address: _____
Street Apt or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

Home Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Current Overall GPA: _____ Guidance Counselor: _____

Describe your most significant leadership and community service activities:

Describe your technology skills that may be relevant to classroom teaching:

**Return the completed application and a 500-word essay on why you want to be a teacher to:
The Newport News Education Foundation at 12507 Warwick Boulevard,
Newport News, VA 23606.**

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