

**THE
LAURA W. TWYFORD
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

To: Guidance Director
Guidance Counselors

From: Scholarship Committee
Patricia Leary, Chair
Donald O. Sandridge, Co-Chair

Date: January 2010

Subject: Official Application Form and Information

Our Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union's Laura W. Twyford Memorial Scholarship Program has reached its eighteenth year. We will award 3 scholarships this year for \$1,000.00 each.

Applicants DO NOT need to be members of Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union.

Additionally, the winners will be announced at the credit union's annual meeting, March 25, 2010, as well as being acknowledged in our quarterly newsletter.

Please inform any interested, eligible applicants about our scholarships. Regulations that govern this award are also included.

PLEASE NOTE – *COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED AS FOLLOWS:*

DEADLINE:

FAX to Patricia Leary, at (757) 838-0776 by February 22, 2010

OR

MAIL to Patricia Leary, 2130 Cunningham Dr., Hampton, VA 23666 by February 22, 2010

PLEASE REPRODUCE COPIES OF THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION FORM, AS NEEDED

INTRODUCTION AND CRITERIA

Laura Worrock Twyford served as the president of the Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union for 23 years, Director of the Virginia Credit Union League from 1957-1969, and National Director from 1959-1971, while also founding the Hampton City Employees Credit Union in 1955.

Mrs. Twyford was a graduate of Hampton High School, Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia and did her Masters work at the College of William and Mary. She served as a teacher at Fort Monroe Elementary School, Phoebus Elementary School, Buckroe Junior High School, George Wythe Junior High School. She also served as guidance counselor at Jefferson Davis Junior High School, and principal of Phoebus Elementary School and Cooper Elementary School until her retirement on June 30, 1996, after forty years of service. Mrs Twyford also served as president of the Hampton Education Association. She was active on numerous committees dealing with curriculum and instruction and always had the best interest of her children at heart.

In the Credit Union movement she served as President of the Hampton Education Association Credit Union. She served as member of Board of Directors of the Virginia Credit Union League and also the Board of Directors of CUNA International. She received an award in 1959 from the Virginia Credit Union League for her outstanding accomplishments in behalf of the League during that year.

In her honor, the Laura W. Twyford Memorial Scholarship was implemented in the year 1991 by the Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union to encourage outstanding high school graduates to pursue teaching careers at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level. Under this program, scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to such qualified Virginia residents who rank within the top 30% of their high school graduating class, plan to enroll for full-time study in a program at an eligible Virginia public or private, four year college or university which leads to teacher certification.

It is important to note that should a student who receives this scholarship not secure employment as a teacher upon graduation; the scholarship funds must be repaid (with interest) under the provisions agreed to upon completion and submission of application.

Before completing the loan application, students should review the terms and conditions of the loan agreement as outlined in the attached information.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant must:

Be a candidate for a high school diploma, **rank in the upper 30% of his/her graduating class** and have outstanding character traits, citizenship, scholarship and leadership qualities.

Hold a genuine desire to pursue a career in the field of education within the Virginia public School system as evidenced by:

- 1). Providing the name of the public or private college he/she plans to attend that has a recognized program in education and the related fields.
- 2). Two letters of recommendation

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1). The scholarship(s) offered will be 3 for \$1,000.00 each.
- 2). Recipients shall sign a promissory note of 3% interest endorsed by a parent or guardian. The note and interest shall be canceled upon completion of the recipient's first year of employment as a teacher in the field of his/her endeavor in a public school in the state of Virginia. The Scholarship Committee will monitor this obligatory term of employment.
- 3). The scholarship shall be paid directly to the college in which the student enrolls, **no later than November 30th of the year the scholarship is awarded**, by the treasurer of the Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union.
- 4). If the recipient withdraws from college this note shall be payable with interest to the treasurer of Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union and be due one year from the date of such college withdrawal. PLEASE NOTE: In hardship cases the Credit Union Board of Directors may extend this time of re-payment or authorize cancellation of the entire obligation to repay this scholarship amount.

Scholarship Committee

The HRECU Scholarship Committee will review all applications and select recipients. The recipient(s) will be notified in writing of their award. Names of the recipients shall be announced at the Annual Meeting of the HRECU, Thursday, March 25, 2010. These names shall also be published in the Credit Union Newsletter.

No application shall be considered if received after specified deadlines or if any portions are missing, or are incomplete.

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BY February 22, 2010 – Mail or Fax to: **Patricia W. Leary**
C/O HRECU
2130 Cunningham Dr.
Hampton, VA 23666
Fax #: (757) 838-0776

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTING FORM

MEMORANDUM

TO: SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

RE: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

As you may know, your student named above has applied for a scholarship with the Hampton Roads Educators' Credit Union, Inc. (HRECU). We are awarding 3 scholarships for \$1000.00 each. Please complete this Administrative Supporting Form with the following confidential information.

Please assist your student in the FAXING or MAILING of his/her completed application.

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2130 Cunningham Dr.
Hampton, VA23666

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1. CLASS RANK of applicant _____
2. CLASS SIZE of graduating class _____
3. Please attach OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT of student's high school academic record.
4. STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES (please list ALL scores and indicate test names, unless test name appears on the transcript, or a copy of test record is attached).

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