

State of Maryland International Reading Association Council

Dear Guidance Counselor,

Several Years ago our state reading association initiated a scholarship fund to encourage and support students who were interested in pursuing a teaching career. In the past, we have depended on local reading councils to help spread the word about the award. Now, we are asking for your support in publicizing this scholarship fund.

As noted in the information packet, the Joseph Fox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship awards \$2,000.00 to Maryland high school recipients who plan to major in reading or a reading-related field and pursue coursework that will prepare him/her for a teaching career.

Students interested in applying for this scholarship should go to www.somirac.org (click on resources) for further information. To assist the applicant in completing all the necessary documentation, a verification form is attached which does require a signature and date by an employee of the student's school.

We hope that you will assist us in this endeavor. If you should need to contact me further regarding this scholarship information, please call between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 301-725-4886 or 301 792-9156. Messages will be returned as soon as possible.

Cordially Yours,

Bonnie Schmeltz
Scholarship Chair
SoMIRAC

Apply today for the Joseph J. Fox Memorial Scholarship.

Joseph Fox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Sponsor: State of Maryland International Reading Association Council

The Joseph Fox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to graduates of any Maryland high school and one college/university graduate student majoring in reading or a reading-related field. Recipients of this scholarship must attend accredited educational institutions of their choice and pursue a curriculum that will prepare them for teaching as well as meet the specific criteria for each scholarship.

This scholarship is for the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). **SELECTED RECIPIENTS WILL RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP UPON PRESENTATION OF A COPY OF A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY BILL.**

Undergraduate Scholarship Criteria

1. Must verify graduation from a Maryland high school.
2. Must be accepted and enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college or university
3. Must major in Education with the intent to pursue teaching as a career
4. Must have maintained a GPA of 3.2 or better in high school
5. Must document current or previous community service in education-related activities or organizations/clubs, etc.
6. Must submit a completed application by scholarship deadline, following the enclosed rubric...

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION (S), POSTMARKED BY **APRIL 15, 2015** TO:

Ms. Bonnie Schmeltz
7307 Summerwind Circle
Laurel, MD 20707

[Click Here for Application](#)

[Application Rubric](#)

Please check the SoMIRAC website June 3, 2015 to see if you have been selected to receive a scholarship

www.somirac.org

Undergraduate Student Application Form

State of Maryland International Reading Association Council

2015-2016

Part 1

Applicant: Please complete in full. Please type or print.

Name: _____
 (last) (first) (middle)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

High School Attending: _____

College or University you plan to attend: _____

Area of education you plan to pursue: _____

List the names of two persons, other than relatives, whom you have asked to send letters of recommendation to the scholarship committee chairperson:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Please submit an essay explaining the reasons you feel you qualify for this scholarship.
Please adhere to the 3 point rubric.

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Part 2

To be completed by one or more of the person(s) best qualified to evaluate the applicant (principal, counselor, and/or teacher)

Name of student _____

Name of school _____

Address of school and phone _____

Ranks _____ in senior class of _____ students

Cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale – grades 9-12 (first semester)

NOTE: 3.2 is required GPA _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A TRANSCRIPT WITH THIS APPLICATION

Has the applicant submitted an application for admittance to an accredited institution that will qualify him/her for teaching? _____

Please rate this applicant on the following information to the best of your knowledge: Circle most appropriate description.

This applicant has demonstrated:

- 1. an interest in teaching **none** **slight** **moderate** **high**
- 2. community service in education-related activities **none** **slight** **moderate** **high**
- 3. ability to do well in college **none** **slight** **moderate** **high**

COMMENTS:

Signature

Title

Date

Deadline: April 15, 2016

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Undergraduate Verification Form

To be completed by the principal, counselor and/or teacher and returned to the applicant.

	CHECK ONE	
	Mailed	Returned to Applicant
Application Part 1		
Student written statement		
Application-Part2 (includes transcript)		
Two letters of recommendation		

Signature

Title

Date

DEADLINE: April 15, 2016