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**2018-19 Golden Futures Scholarship**

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This form and associated materials must be received by:

**Friday, January 25th, 2019**

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In partnership with

  and

The academy of teachers

The Golden Futures Scholarship was created by the Academy of Teachers and The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools to provide opportunities for emerging Lee County educators. The Scholarship provides four years of tuition to Florida SouthWestern State College and is awarded annually to a deserving Lee County high school senior who exemplifies qualities of educational leadership and a passion to teach. The recipient must commit to teaching in Lee County Public Schools a minimum of four years after graduating from Florida SouthWestern State College.

***Golden Futures Scholars will receive:***

* A four year tuition scholarship to Florida SouthWestern State College
* Mentorship and support from The Academy of Teachers throughout college and into their initial teaching experience

***Student Eligibility:***

* Must be a 12th grade student in a Lee County public school
* Must be enrolled in Lee County public school for a minimum of one school year
* Must meet the attendance requirements of the Lee County School District
* Upon college graduation, the student commits to teach a minimum of four years in the Lee County School District
* Must provide proof of application to Florida SouthWestern State College

***Candidates must:***

1. Provide a certified copy of their high school transcripts.
2. Submit written recommendations from at least two educators that have worked directly with the applicant (e.g. principal, assistant principal, counselor, classroom teacher, or athletic coach).
3. Provide an essay explaining why you are interested in becoming a Lee County educator and what subject(s) you wish to instruct. This must be a minimum of 500 words and no more than 2,000 words, typed and double-spaced, attached with the application.
4. Must provide proof of application to Florida SouthWestern State College

***Application Deadline:***

All application materials must be received at the office of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools by **Friday, January 25th, 2019.**

***Selection Process:***

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of the applicant demonstrating the desire to pursue *and complete* a Bachelor’s degree with a major in Education.

After the initial review to ensure submissions are complete, each applicant’s application, letters of recommendation and essay will be evaluated.

Selected candidates will be invited to interview with the selection committee on an assigned date to determine the final recipient.

*If in the sole opinion of the selection committee no applicant meets all the criteria, no recipient will be selected.*

***Application Procedure:***

A complete application consists of:

1. A completed and signed formal application
2. Two written recommendations with contact information included
3. Certified copy of Lee County high school transcripts
4. An original essay meeting criteria above
5. Proof of application to Florida SouthWestern State College

***ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:***

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

Attn: Golden Futures Scholarship

P.O. Box 1608

Fort Myers, Florida 33902

Or, the completed application may be emailed to Rosa@leeschoolfoundation.org

**For more information contact:**

Rosa Gamez

239-337-0433 or Rosa@leeschoolfoundation.org

Director of Scholarships

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools

**Personal Information:**

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Date of Birth

**Academic Information:**

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School Phone Number Principal’s Name

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Expected Graduation Date

**Academic Information:**

Applicant must include a certified high school transcript of grades and have the section below completed by an authorized school official.

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| **Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_/4.0 scale (unweighted) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5.0 scale (weighted)** **SAT: Reading \_\_\_\_ Math\_\_\_\_ ACT: English\_\_\_\_\_\_ Math\_\_\_\_\_\_ Avg \_\_\_\_\_\_****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****School official’s signature Title Date Telephone Number** |

**Activities:**

**Please list all school or community activities and related honors and awards in which you have participated during the *past 4 years*. (You may attach additional sheets, if needed)**

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| **School or Community Activity** | **No. of Years Participating** | **Awards, Honors, or Office Held**  |
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**Work Experience:**

**Please list any work experience during the *past 4 years*. Please provide dates of employment, contact information, and approximate number of hours worked each week.**

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| **Position/Company** | **Start Date** | **End Date** | **Hours Per Week** | **Supervisor’s Name and Phone Number** |
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**Comments or Additional Information:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:**

**The following essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed more than 2,000 words (and a have a minimum of 500 words).**

Explain why you are interested in becoming a Lee County educator and what subject(s) you wish to instruct.

**Certification of Application**

**I understand that the information contained in this application is accurate and will be shared with the Golden Futures Scholarship selection committee. I understand that falsification of information on the application or accompanying supporting documents can result in the termination of any scholarship granted. Acceptance of the Golden Futures scholarship indicates my permission for the promotion and publication of my award. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools reserves the right to process only applications found to be eligible according to the guidelines and fully completed by the deadline of Friday, January 25th, 2019.**

**I certify that the information provided on the application and all supplemental forms is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Are you a legal U.S. resident? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Have you ever been adjudicated guilty of criminal offense or violation or had adjudication withheld in relation to any criminal offense or violation with which you’ve been charged? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, explain:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES**

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FERPA RELEASE**

**In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I authorize the release of all academic records, including graduation, registration, disciplinary records, financial aid, financial records, business records, and residence life records and information to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and/or its representatives until I rescind this consent.**

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**Student Signature Date Telephone Number Email Address**

**Have you included the following:**

**\_\_\_\_\_** Completed application form

\_\_\_\_\_ A certified copy of your Lee County high school transcripts

\_\_\_\_\_ At least two letters of recommendation from qualifying educators

\_\_\_\_\_ An original essay meeting the requested criteria

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