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January 16, 2024

Dear Superintendent/Principal:

Again this year, the GRE Foundation, an affiliate of the Georgia Retired Educators Association, will be awarding ten \$1,000.00 grants/scholarships to educators or paraprofessionals to use in a manner most suited to their individual need while pursuing a degree or an advanced degree in education. Any certified or classified employee who is employed in a Georgia, Pre-K through 12 school, is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

The GRE Foundation board members are asking that you make available copies of this e-mail along with the application to your staff and to all personnel under your leadership.

Also, a copy may be obtained by e-mailing me at [watusi50@att.net](mailto:watusi50@att.net), from the secretary, Marsha Bond at [mgbond@yahoo.com](mailto:mgbond@yahoo.com), the GRE website at [www.garetirededucators.org](http://www.garetirededucators.org), or from any board member.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance in our efforts to help Georgia teachers/paraprofessionals.

Please note: This application is also available to classified staff that are pursuing a degree in education.

Sincerely,

Barbara T. Wilcher  
Foundation Chair  
1540 Carl Drive,  
Thomson, GA 30824

Rita Marable  
250 Kirby Ave  
Roberta, GA 31078

Attachment: Application (2 pages) plus map

## GRE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This year as in previous years, the Georgia Retired Educators Foundation award scholarships to teachers and paraprofessionals throughout the state of Georgia who are pursuing a higher degree in education. **The GRE Foundation Scholarship Application may be obtained from your principal or superintendent**, a GRE Foundation member, or online by going to the Georgia Retired Educators website at [garetirededucators.org](http://garetirededucators.org). To apply, mail the completed application to the address below. **Please note: The application *cannot* be submitted online. It must be mailed to the address below.**

**GRE Foundation**

**Patricia Bassett**

**190 New Street**

**Roberta, GA 31078**

### **Important Information**

- 1) This is a one-time grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 which may be applied for annually. It is to be used in pursuing a degree in education such as certification, advanced certification, or adding a field of endorsement. This grant is available to any certified or classified employee who works in a Georgia school system grades PreK- 12).
- 2) The GRE Foundation application **must be postmarked** on or before the second Friday in April, **(April 12<sup>th</sup>)**. There is no need to expedite your application.
- 3) **All scholarship recipients will be notified by the third Friday in June, June 21st.** A check will be mailed to the recipient as soon as a note of acknowledgement, (by way of email), is received. This note will be used by the GRE Foundation as verification. Be sure to provide an email address where you may be reached during the month of June.
- 4) Information, including the name and picture of winners, will be published in the GREA BULLETIN. You may download a copy from [www.georgiaretirededucators.org](http://www.georgiaretirededucators.org) website.
- 5) All application information is to be mailed in one package to the address above. This includes **the application** printed on the front side only; **a picture, suitable for reprint**, no larger than a 5x7 with your name and email address printed on back; and a **sealed envelope** containing a letter of recommendation from your principal or an immediate supervisor not related to you. Since this is a busy time of the year for staff and supervisors, it might be helpful for you to request this letter early.
- 6) The GRE Foundation screening committee will judge all applications.
- 7) **Please note:** neither picture nor application will be returned. This information will become the sole property of the GRE Foundation. Feel free to keep a copy of this application.

**FOR OFFICE USE**

**APPLICATION #**

**DATE RECEIVED**

**GRE FOUNDATION GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

GRE Area in which you reside (see map attached) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT CERTIFICATE- Level & Type \_\_\_\_\_

(Ex. Elementary- T-4; Middle- Provisional; High- T-5); BA; BS; MA;

Current Grade Level & subject(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of experience \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution you are attending or will attend \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your purpose in returning to higher education? Select one**

1) Initial Education degree \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Advanced Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

3) Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Field \_\_\_\_\_

4) Endorsement \_\_\_\_\_ Field \_\_\_\_\_

5) Other \_\_\_\_\_ Describe \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK OFF LIST**

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture with name and email address on back

\_\_\_\_\_ Application form – 2 pages printed on **front side only**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sealed letter of recommendation from a non-relative supervisor. Letter must be sealed in a school envelope and mailed with your application package.

\_\_\_\_\_ A picture, suitable for publication, with your name and email address on back



