



RAYMOND J. & LOUELLA F. PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHERS

Program Description

The Holmes County Education Foundation is sponsoring a scholarship program that will give Holmes County classroom teachers an opportunity for further study and training. The late Betty Lauber and her husband, Thomas, established this scholarship fund to memorialize Betty's parents, Raymond J. and Louella F. Patterson. The purpose of the program is to enhance the quality of education by helping teachers receive advanced training and develop additional skills that will improve their ability to work with students in the classroom.

The scholarship program for 2008-2009 is open to classroom teachers currently employed by Holmes County schools and who have two years of classroom teaching experience. The scholarship can be used for study or training in the following areas:

1. Study towards an advanced degree at an accredited college or graduate school. The study program should be in education or in a subject area that can be taught in the classroom. Classes should be part of a traditional program that will lead to an advanced degree and not part of a video or Internet program.
2. Special courses in specific subjects or technical training in specific areas, which are directly related to teachers' classroom subject, or area of interaction with students.
3. Participation in specific teacher training opportunities, which will enhance the teacher's ability to work with students in the classroom. These may be provided by arts organizations, research or medical organizations, or libraries or technical training organizations.

Any program that directly affects the classroom activities will be considered.

Scholarships will be awarded for tuition, fees and books for any graduate level program that leads to a degree and program fees and expenses for other programs. Fees for travel and living expenses will be considered for those programs of short duration for which travel is required. It is expected that the training programs will occur during the summer vacation but other programs during the school year may be considered. The maximum award for any one-year will be \$1,500. A commitment for two complete years of classroom teaching in the Holmes County school system following the training will be required.

Interested teachers can print off an application for the Raymond J. and Louella F. Patterson Scholarship from the Holmes County Education Foundation website at www.hcef.net.

The deadline for the applications will be April 30, 2008.

The Holmes County Education Foundation will administer this scholarship program. Any questions about the program should be directed to Darla Stitzlein, Executive Director of the Holmes County Education Foundation at 330-674-7303.

All information contained in the application form will be confidential.

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Application Form

Please read the cover sheet that describes those eligible for this scholarship and the programs that will be considered for funding. The application includes the following four parts:

1. Identification and Personal Information. Please complete the attached application cover sheet that provides basic information for the scholarship committee.
2. Education and Teaching Experience. Please provide a personal resume that lists your educational background (colleges, degrees, courses of study, graduation dates) and your teaching experience (schools, positions, courses taught). Include any other job experience that is related to your current teaching position.
3. Proposed Program of Study. Please write a one-page description of the program of study for which you are applying and why you think it will improve your ability to work with your students. Please give specific details about the program.
4. Recommendation. Please provide a letter from your principal of your current school or the superintendent of your school system that recommends you for this additional training and confirms the value of this training to the students.

All four parts of the application should be submitted together. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please clearly label each submitted page with your name. Typed applications are preferred. All parts of the application should be received by no later than the April 30, 2008 deadline.

Mail or hand-deliver application to:

Holmes County Education Foundation
114 North Clay Street
Millersburg, Ohio 44654

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Name: _____

Permanent Address:

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Current School and Position: _____

College or Program for which scholarship will be used (include mailing address):

(Attach any specific program description available)

What degree or certification will be received? _____

Have you been accepted for this program? _____

Anticipated date of graduation or completion of degree: _____

Do you have other financial assistance for this study? If yes, please describe:

Is receipt of this scholarship necessary for you to participate in this program? _____

Estimate your remaining education debt stemming from undergraduate work: _____

Financial Information for the program:

Tuition and Fees: _____

Books: _____

Equipment: _____

Travel Expense: _____

Room, Board: _____

Other (describe): _____

Total Costs: _____

Please attach parts 2,3, and 4 of the application to this cover sheet.