THE FOUNDATION FOR LEE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.
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Presents the

2019-20 Golden Futures Scholarship

This form and associated materials must be received by:

Friday, January 24th, 2020

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

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 Gulf Coast University for a student who has a desire to major in the field of education with an emphasis in Secondary Education. This scholarship 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 Gulf Coast University.

Golden Futures Scholars will receive:

- A four year tuition scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University
- 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 Gulf Coast University

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 Gulf Coast University.

Application Deadline:

All application materials must be received at the office of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools by **Friday, January 24th, 2020.**

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, with an emphasis in Secondary 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

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 KellyLiu@leeschoolfoundation.org

For more information contact:

Kelly Liu

Director of Scholarships
The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools
239-337-0433 or KellyLiu@leeschoolfoundation.org

Personal Information:

_____
First Name Middle Name Last Name

_____
Permanent Address City State Zip

_____
Telephone E-mail Address

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth

Academic Information:

_____
School Name

_____
School Address

_____
School Phone Number Principal's Name

_____
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.

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)

School or Community Activity	No. of Years Participating	Awards, Honors, or Office Held

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.

Position/Company	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per Week	Supervisor's Name and Phone Number

Comments or Additional Information:

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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 24th, 2020.

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:

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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.

_____	_____	_____	_____
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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