



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

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: _____

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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

Rubric for Joseph Fox, Jr. Undergraduate Scholarship Application

3 The response indicates a clear purpose for needing the scholarship and why the applicant should be considered. The applicant's "voice" demonstrates a passion for teaching and/or promoting literacy. The applicant expresses clearly and concisely how the scholarship will help with future professional or career related endeavors. The response needs to be well written and free of mechanical and grammatical errors. The response should be typed and at least one page in length.

2 The response indicates a clear purpose for needing the scholarship and why the applicant should be considered. The applicant expresses clearly and concisely how the scholarship will help with future professional and career related endeavors. The response needs to be well written and free of mechanical and grammatical errors. The response should be word typed and at least one page in length.

1 The response indicates a clear purpose for needing the scholarship and why the applicant should be considered. The applicant expresses the reasons that the scholarship will help achieve career goals.

0 The response has a limited number of mechanical and grammatical errors. The response should be typed and at least one page in length.