

About the *MRSPA Foundation* Scholarship

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association is again offering three (3) \$2,000 scholarships through the *MRSPA Foundation* for 2025. The *Foundation* was established through a financial gift from members Irl and Ella Beall in 1999. This gift and subsequent donations by MRSPA members and friends have enabled MRSPA to offer scholarships to those working in the public schools of Maryland. Sixty-six scholarships have been awarded to public school employees across Maryland since 1999.

Who Can Apply

Applicants *must* be **currently** employed by a *Public* School System in Maryland, and have been admitted to, or already be enrolled in, an accredited program leading to a degree and/or certification in teaching or in an education specialty area at the time of application.

- Students completing their studies prior to the actual award are ineligible.
- Applicants who previously were awarded a MRSPA scholarship are ineligible.
- Applicants must continue working in a Maryland public school while using the scholarship.
- Scholarships are paid directly to the college or university of the recipient.

Eligible Applicants

Non -certificated staff who have worked for the school system *for at least 2 years*. Including:

- Teacher Assistants/Aides/Paraprofessionals
- All Other Support Staff
- Substitute Teachers

Also Eligible

Certificated teachers enrolled in programs to earn an *additional certification* in a *new* area of study, including:

- High need certification areas identified by MSDE: Special Education, STEM, ELL, CTE including Business Ed. and Consumer Ed., Foreign Language, Other
- Administration: Principal, Supervision, etc.
- Student special services: Physical/Occupational Therapist; Language/Speech Therapist
- Student support: School counselor, Social Worker or Psychologist; Media Specialist
- Provisionally certified teachers working toward another Maryland education certification or education degree

How to APPLY

All applications must be submitted online. Go to the MRSPA website at www.mrspa.org and search for the *MRSPA Foundation* Scholarship application on the home page. The form is fillable online. The application window is January 2, 2025 – January 20, 2025 (submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST). Selected recipients will be notified by March 31, 2025.

[Submit prior to January 20 if possible. Last day submission volume is heavy, and this could prevent your application from being accepted by the online software. MRSPA is not responsible for applications that are unable to be submitted on the final day due to high volume.]

Questions: Email mrspa@mrspa.org or wtwigg@mrspa.org.