

Irene Wilson White

Future Teacher Scholarship

2021

PURPOSE: The Wilson family has lived in the Gold Hill community of Fort Mill since the 1830s. Many members of the family have been teachers and supporters of the Fort Mill School District. Dozens of the family are graduates of the FMSD and have benefited from the education they received. Irene Wilson White was born in the Gold Hill community and taught for over forty years in the Fort Mill School District and other area school districts. The Wilson family has long held the belief that teaching is not only a profession but a calling. Lee Iacocca once said, “In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something else.” To that end this scholarship has been created to assist Fort Mill School District graduates with the financial burden of obtaining a Bachelor Arts in Education with the hope that they will become a teacher in South Carolina.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, a candidate shall be a graduating Catawba Ridge High School, Fort Mill High School or Nation Ford High School student who meets the following requirements:

- Documentation of financial need
- SAT/ACT score
- 500 word essay titled “Why I want to be a teacher”
- Acceptance and ultimate enrollment in an accredited South Carolina college or university
- To continue the annual scholarship throughout the up to 4 years of college (\$3,000 per year for up to 4 years) the student be enrolled as a full-time student majoring in education
- Student must provide documentation of at least a 3.0 GPA annually throughout college years
- Provide documentation of continued, full time enrollment as an education major

SELECTION PROCESS: A subcommittee at each high school composed of a Teacher Cadet leader, another faculty member, and an administrator will determine up to 3 semi-finalists from each school. The final review committee will include one of each school’s subcommittee members, plus up to two members of the donor family, and one board member of the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools, and this committee will review the 9 semi-finalist applications and determine a winning applicant.

AMOUNT: ONE Scholarship in the amount of \$3000 each year for up to 4 years (for a total of \$12,000) will be awarded to ONE selected applicant from among application from students at Catawba Ridge High School, Fort Mill High School, or Nation Ford High School.

APPLICATION: Applications are available in the Guidance Office and from Teacher Cadet leaders. **Applications DUE to the Guidance Office BY March 1, 2021.**

DISBURSEMENT: The scholarship checks will be made payable and sent directly to the university or college upon receipt of the Student Scholarship Acceptance Form (provided at award notification). Recipient each year will be announced at the Catawba Ridge High School, Fort Mill High School and Nation Ford High School academic awards ceremonies in May.

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Application 2021

Circle current High School: CRHS FMHS NFHS

Name (print) _____

Address _____

Home Phone # & Cell #'s _____

Email Address _____

Parent's Names _____

School of Study/Curriculum Cluster _____

Grade Point Average _____ Teacher Cadet Average _____

Extracurricular Activities (list or attach separately) _____

University, College or Technical School You Plan to Attend _____

Intended Major _____

Career Plans _____

I, (the applicant) do hereby attest that to the best of my knowledge the information on the application and associated attachments is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

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Essay Question 2021

Please respond to the following essay prompt with a 500 word essay:

“Why I want to be a teacher”

**Scholarship Application
PARENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Father's Name _____ Age _____

Place of Employment/Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Age _____

Place of Employment/Occupation _____

Parent's Marital Status:

Father: Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Remarried _____

Mother: Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Remarried _____

Father's Annual Income Before Taxes: \$ _____

Mother's Annual Income Before Taxes: \$ _____

All other taxable or non-taxable income not included above (including pensions, social security/disability, interest, dividends, etc.): \$ _____

Gross Income (Total of Above): \$ _____

Number of Dependents (excluding father and mother): _____

Number of Dependents attending college this year: _____

Please explain any extraordinary financial circumstances or expenses that are impacting your ability to pay for your planned secondary education:

Please explain how this scholarship would assist you in continuing your educational goals:

Student Name (print): _____