

The South Carolina Education Association – Retired
2999 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC, 29169

To: S.C. High School Senior Guidance Directors

From: Marilyn Montgomery, Scholarship Committee Chair, The SCEA-Retired

Re: The SCEA-Retired Scholarship for Education Applications

Date: January 12, 2026

The South Carolina Education Association-Retired administers a scholarship program as an ongoing activity of the Association. Four scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded annually and are designed to help enable promising young people to pursue a four-year degree in education at a SACS accredited college, university, technical school or community college in South Carolina.

We are seeking applicants for the 2025-2026 scholarship year. Enclosed you will find one application for the scholarship. Please make as many copies as you may need. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 6, 2026.

We will be awarding a total of four scholarships, each for \$1,000. This amount will be paid to the South Carolina college in the name of the recipient. This scholarship may be used for room, board, tuition, and/or books.

Eligibility requirements for receiving and maintaining the scholarship include:

1. The applicant must be a senior graduating from a public high school in South Carolina.
2. The applicant must plan to attend a SACS accredited college, university, technical school, or community college in South Carolina as a full-time student.
3. The applicant must plan to pursue a career in education.
4. The applicant must have maintained a good high school academic record.
5. The applicant must demonstrate leadership abilities.
6. The applicant must need financial assistance.

The scholarship recipient will be notified on or before May 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Montgomery, 803-582-9438
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The South Carolina Education Association-Retired
2025-2026 Scholarship Application Form

Must be postmarked by March 6, 2026

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Social Security Number (last four digits) XXX-XX-_____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Telephone _____

Personal email address _____

School _____

School Address _____

High School Graduation Date _____ Awards Day _____

Please request that your guidance counselor mail this application with all requested information, postmarked by March 6, to:

The South Carolina Education Association-Retired Scholarship Committee
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Please attach the following items to this application:

- Short essay (250-300 words) on "My Choice of Teaching as a Profession"
- Recommendation letters from two persons, one of which must be from a teacher or guidance counselor.
- Official high school transcript must include:
 - junior year and first semester grades of senior year,
 - class rank at end of first semester of the senior year
- Parents confidential report of financial status (form is provided)
- Optional: SAT/ACT scores are optional. Not including scores will not affect your chance of receiving a scholarship.

Applicant's Name _____ p.2

You may use additional pages to answer questions, but answers must be in the order of the application. Please do not include a resume.

1. In what activities or clubs have you participated? What offices have you held?

a. School:

b. Church/Community:

2. What honors have you received?

3. What special talents and interests do you have?

4. What college or university do you plan to attend? _____

Have you applied? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Thank you for your interest in choosing a career in education. We wish you all the best. Please plan to join The SCEA-Student association. The scholarship recipient will be notified by the SCEA-R on or before May 15.

Parent Confidential Report of Financial Status of Family

The SCEA-Retired Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name _____

First Parent/Guardian _____

Employed at _____

Average monthly income (*omit if not contributing financially*) _____

Second Parent/Guardian _____

Employed at _____

Average monthly income (*omit if not contributing financially*) _____

Total monthly income (*Include child support, if any received*) _____

Total average monthly expenditures _____

List all children and ages: _____

List any children attending college: _____

List any other persons receiving financial support from the family:

Have you applied for any other scholarships? _____ If so, which ones?

Why do you need financial assistance and explain any special family circumstance(s) regarding the need for financial assistance:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____