



Deena L. Woods Memorial Teaching Scholarship, Inc.

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Mission: To honor Deena L. Woods by funding scholarships for deserving high school graduates who desire to make a difference in the world through the teaching profession, preferably with a focus in Early Childhood Education. Deena is a 1982 graduate of White Oak High School and a 1987 graduate of East Carolina University. She taught elementary school for thirty years in Onslow County (NC), Wake County (NC), and Prince William County (VA). Teaching was her passion, and everyone that knew her, worked with her, or was fortunate enough to be taught by her knew she genuinely cared for and loved each and every one of them. She referred to her students as “my babies”, loving them, motivating them, disciplining them, caring for them, and teaching them. She taught more than academic lessons, she taught the life skills and traits which she embodied: compassion, friendship, empathy, cooperation, respect, being courteous, and love. She will be sorely missed by her family, colleagues, former students, parents, and friends.

The Deena L. Woods Memorial Teaching Scholarship is designed to assist deserving high school graduates who have been a pillar in their high school and community, as demonstrated by their outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and compassion for their community. The Deena L Woods Memorial Teaching Scholarship will be awarded in the amount of at least \$3,900. With 2025 being our sixth year, we are accepting applications from 2025 high school graduates of White Oak High School, Jacksonville High School, and Northside High School.

Selection Criteria:

1. Must be accepted to a school of higher education, pursuing a curriculum for a Teaching/Education degree, preferably in the area of Early Childhood Education.
2. Must be graduating from high school during the year applying for this scholarship.
3. Must have a **3.0 weighted GPA or higher** and submit an **official transcript** with the application.
4. Must submit a copy of the acceptance letter from the accredited college or university with the application.
5. Must have **three (3) letters of recommendation** submitted from references: Two (2) of the letters must be from a recent (within the last 3 years) teacher or other education related personnel (i.e., Principal, Assistant Principal, Counselor, etc.). The third letter can be from whomever you choose (i.e., coach, employer, family friend, neighbor, additional teacher, etc.). Ensure your references know to **mail their letter of recommendation by April 25th**.
6. Must complete all requirements of the application, and all application forms **must be received (postmarked) by April 25^h**.
7. Finalists for consideration will be notified by May 10th at which time a **brief in-person interview** with the Finalists will be scheduled with the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER will be notified by May 25th

Mail all applications to: Deena L. Woods Memorial Teaching Scholarship Committee, Attn: Bryan M Baquer, 992 Mill Run Rd, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your application for consideration of the Deena L. Woods Memorial Teaching Scholarship.

Applicant name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home phone number: _____

Alternate phone number: _____

Applicant’s e-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

College Attending and address: _____

Course of study pursuing/Major: _____

Course of study pursuing/Minor (if applicable): _____

Current High School Grade Point Average (GPA)/(must submit an Official HS transcript): _____

Any other additional information you feel is pertinent for the Scholarship Committee to consider (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE RECEIVED OR WILL BE RECEIVING (DO NOT INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR BUT WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN AWARDED YET)

<u>Name of Scholarship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Value (\$)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



Please list all community service activities you have performed and dates

Community Service performed: _____

Date: _____

Description of service: _____

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Please list all extracurricular activities (i.e., clubs, sports, etc.) including dates/class years (i.e., Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)

EXAMPLE:

Activities/Club/Sport: JV Football and Varsity Football

Date/Class year: JV Football (Freshman – Sophomore) Varsity Football (Junior – Senior)

Activities/Club/Sport: _____

Date/Class year: _____

Activities/Club/Sport: _____

Date/Class year: _____

Activities/Club/Sport: _____

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Activities/Club/Sport: _____

Date/Class year: _____



Employment/Work history and dates employed

Employer: _____	Dates: _____
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Letter of Recommendation #1

Instructions for the Applicant: Please complete the top section of this form and give this form to your selected reference. The Reference will return this letter of recommendation directly to the Scholarship Committee.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

NAME OF REFERENCE:

RELATIONSHIP OF REFERENCE TO THE APPLICANT:

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Deena L. Woods Memorial Teaching Scholarship Committee

Attn: Bryan Baquer

992 Mill Run Rd

Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

For purposes of clarification, the committee reserves the right to contact you concerning your recommendation for the applicant. **Letters of recommendation must be postmarked by APRIL 25th.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____



Please rate the applicant on each of the following areas using the following scale (0=Unable to Judge, 1=Below Average, 2=Average, 3=Above Average, 4=Outstanding)

_____Ability to work with others

_____Ability to work independently

_____Leadership

_____Courteous, thoughtful, caring

_____Integrity/morals

_____Perseverance/Effort/Determination

_____Maturity/focused/motivated

_____Maximizes their Academic Abilities

(works above or below their capabilities)

Please add any comments you believe would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee such as temperament to inspire, passion, energy and commitment to the education of children, compassion for others. In other words what leads you to believe this applicant would be successful in their pursuit of a teaching degree and as a teacher.



Letter of Recommendation #2

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Letter of Recommendation #3

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NAME OF REFERENCE:

RELATIONSHIP OF REFERENCE TO THE APPLICANT:

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