

Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation 2012 Scholarship Application

Applications must be Postmarked by April 30, 2012,
and Received by May 9, 2012.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

THIS IS A COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP. APPLICANTS FOR ALL PAGE OR SPAGE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA AND ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

PAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must:

- be a current PAGE member who is a certified educator or is pursuing teacher certification.
- have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- be pursuing a graduate degree in education or content area, pursuing initial certification, working to add a new certification area or endorsement, or taking required coursework to be highly qualified under the standards of No Child Left Behind. (Note: We regret that scholarships are not available to individuals who are taking courses to renew an existing certificate.)
- agree to teach in Georgia for three years.
- submit three recommendations (must be included with application). Please note: only three recommendations will be scored.
- submit most recent official transcript (please see additional instructions regarding transcripts).

Note: Applicant's college/university may be in Georgia, outside Georgia or an accredited online program.

SPAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must:

- be a SPAGE member.
- have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- be an upcoming college junior, senior or graduate student majoring in education.
- agree to teach in Georgia for three years.
- submit three recommendations, one of which must be from a college professor (must be included with application). Please note: only three recommendations will be scored.
- submit most recent official transcript (please see additional instructions regarding transcripts).

Note: Applicant's college/university may be in Georgia, outside Georgia or an accredited online program.

***Each scholarship is a non-renewable award of \$1,000, payable to the winner's college or university.
Please see important note at the end of this application.***

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Transcript Instructions / Frequently Asked Questions

1. What transcript should I submit?

Please submit your most recent, official transcript.

- If you are an undergraduate student please send us your most recent cumulative transcript.
- If you are a graduate student and have completed at least one semester in your current program, please submit that transcript.
- If you are a graduate student and are just beginning a program of study you must send a cumulative transcript from your last program of study.

2. When should I request my transcript?

Please allow ample time for your college registrar or official transcript service to process your request. Do not wait for the end of spring semester. If you wait for your spring semester transcript you will miss the scholarship application deadline. Late applications will not be scored.

3. Can I print my grades from the college website and include that with my application?

No. Your transcript must be official and come from the college registrar or official transcript service. Loose transcripts are unofficial and will cause your application to be considered incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be scored.

4. How do I submit my official transcript?

There are three ways you may submit your official transcript:

- You may include your transcript with the rest of your completed application in the original sealed envelope from the college registrar or official transcript service. Loose transcripts or those in opened envelopes will be considered unofficial.
- Your college's registrar or official transcript service may send your transcript electronically to the PAGE Foundation Scholarship Coordinator at mcrawford@pagefoundation.org. Transcripts received from any other email address (including yours) are unofficial and will cause your application to be considered incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be scored.
- If absolutely necessary: You may have your transcript sent directly to the PAGE Foundation Scholarship Coordinator at: Michelle Crawford, PAGE Foundation Scholarship Program, PO Box 942270, Atlanta GA 31141-2270.

5. If my transcript is sent separately, when does it need to arrive?

All transcripts must meet the same deadlines as the rest of your application. Transcripts sent via postal service must be postmarked by April 30, 2012, and received in the PAGE Foundation Scholarship office no later than May 9, 2012. Transcripts sent via email must be sent by April 30, 2012. If a transcript is late it will cause your application to be considered incomplete – no exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be scored. The PAGE Foundation can not be held responsible for lost mail, email delivery failure, or a delay in your college registrar or official transcript service processing your transcript request. We recommend you include your official transcript with the rest of your application.

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Office Use Only: Type _____ Info _____ 4 Essays _____ 3 Rec. Forms _____ Sig. _____ Transcript _____ Keyed In _____
App. Complete _____ Notes _____

Please choose the appropriate column (PAGE or SPAGE) and check the scholarship(s) for which you wish to be considered:

PAGE SCHOLARSHIPS (PAGE members only)	SPAGE SCHOLARSHIPS (SPAGE members only)
<input type="checkbox"/> PAGE Professional Scholarship Please see first page for eligibility criteria.	<input type="checkbox"/> SPAGE Undergraduate Scholarship SPAGE S. Marvin Griffin Scholarship Please see first page for eligibility criteria. Must be a rising college junior or senior.
<input type="checkbox"/> PAGE Charles "Coach" Cooper Scholarship Must be pursuing an advanced degree in science education.	<input type="checkbox"/> SPAGE John Robert & Barbara Moore Lindsey Scholarship Must be a rising college junior or senior, enrolled in or committed to enrolling in the education program at Georgia Southern University.
<input type="checkbox"/> PAGE DeKalb Scholarship ** Must be currently employed by the DeKalb County School System and planning to remain for 2012-2013.	<input type="checkbox"/> SPAGE Betty J. Phillips Scholarship Must be a rising college junior, senior or graduate student, enrolled or committed to enrolling in the education program at a Macon, Georgia, college or university.
<input type="checkbox"/> PAGE H. M. and Norma Fulbright Scholarship Must be serving as an advisor of a current, state-affiliated FEA Georgia chapter or as a PAGE Academic Bowl team coach.	<input type="checkbox"/> SPAGE DeKalb Scholarship ** Must be a graduate of a high school in the DeKalb County School System.
<input type="checkbox"/> PAGE Jack Christmas Scholarship Must be pursuing an advanced degree in elementary education or reading.	<input type="checkbox"/> SPAGE Graduate Scholarship Must be pursuing or committed to an advanced degree in education.
<input type="checkbox"/> PAGE Support Personnel Scholarship Must be employed as support personnel within a Georgia school system and pursuing initial certification.	

**Contingent upon availability of funds

Membership # _____ Exp. Date _____ You may visit www.pageinc.org/membership to locate this info or contact the membership department at membership@pageinc.org or 770-216-8555 (metro Atlanta) or 800-331-6861 (outside Atlanta).

Name _____ Name you are called _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Number/Street City State Zip

County of residence _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Email Address _____

IMPORTANT: During the 2012-2013 school year I will be a:
 College student not working in a school (not certified) Provisionally certified teacher
 Certified teacher, administrator or other certified staff Non-certified support staff in a school
 Other (Please explain: _____)

College Attending: _____
Name of Institution Location

Degree Pursuing: Bachelor's M.Ed. Ed.S. Ed.D. Ph.D.
 Graduate degree in content area Initial Non-degree certification Add-on Certification

Area of Concentration: _____ Most recent cumulative GPA: _____

Have you ever served as a PAGE building/system representative, local or state PAGE/SPAGE officer, or on a PAGE/SPAGE state committee?
If so, what position(s)?

PAGE APPLICANTS ONLY: Currently Employed By: _____
School
System Position

SPAGE APPLICANTS ONLY: (Check one) Graduate Student Upcoming Senior Upcoming Junior

SPAGE DEKALB APPLICANTS ONLY: High School attended: _____

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Please answer all four of the questions below.

In writing your response to each question, the following must be strictly observed:

- The quality of writing is to be reflective of writing used in college/university term papers.
- Answers must be typed and double-spaced. Times New Roman, 12-point font is preferred.
- Limit response to two double-spaced pages, 8.5 X 11, per question.
- Set margins at one inch top and bottom and 1.25 inches left and right.
- Type the number of the question and the question on the paper before beginning your response.
- Responses must be printed on white paper and on one side of the paper only.

1. What skills and competencies do you think an individual must have in order to be an effective teacher?

2. How do (or will) you know that learning occurs in your classroom?

3. Teachers face many daunting challenges in their work. In your opinion, which challenge is the most daunting, and what is your plan for overcoming it?

4. Why should we select you as a PAGE Foundation scholarship recipient? Please include any information about your professional goals and/or your personal situation that you would like for our judges to know.

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Please list the names, fax numbers and email addresses of newspapers that you would like to have notified if you are chosen as a PAGE Foundation Scholarship recipient. You may list as many or as few as you like.

1. _____
Newspaper Fax # or Email Address

Editor/Reporter*

2. _____
Newspaper Fax # or Email Address

Editor/Reporter*

3. _____
Newspaper Fax # or Email Address

Editor/Reporter*

* Education reporter, if applicable.



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- Completed Application Three (3) Recommendations (Please note: only 3 recommendations will be scored)
- Official Transcript Enclosed Official Transcript being mailed separately Official Transcript being sent electronically

*Having read the Eligibility Criteria, I agree and attest that I have or will fulfill all the requirements for receipt of this scholarship or will repay funds provided by the PAGE Foundation, Inc. I hereby consent to the release of information about, or relative to, my participation in the PAGE Foundation Scholarship Program, including photographs, sound and video recordings, and any other data. (Specific information about academic record, e.g., grade point average, test scores, etc., **will not** be released.) The Professional Association of Georgia Educators and/or PAGE Foundation, Inc. shall have full rights to reproduction and use of all such materials.*

Important Note: *Award monies will be available to winners July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. The PAGE Foundation will make payment(s) to the winner's college or university as designated by winner. Funds are available for tuition, room and board, books and other school charges. Funds are not available as cash to the student. Any award monies not used by June 30, 2013, will be forfeited.*

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail completed application to:	Michelle Crawford PAGE Foundation Scholarship Program PO Box 942270 Atlanta GA 31141-2270
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Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Submit three recommendations. Use this original to make three copies. We suggest the following, if suitable for your situation: one from your immediate supervisor, one from a teacher who is familiar with your teaching and the last from a university professor. SPAGE members must include at least one recommendation from a college professor.

Student's Name _____

1. How long have you known this applicant? _____ In what context? _____

2. What are the first words that come to your mind in describing this applicant? _____

3. RATINGS

Compared to other individuals with whom you have worked, check how you would rate this educator or pre-educator in terms of skills and potential:

No basis	Below Average	Average	Good (above average)	Very Good (well above average)	Excellent (top 10%)	One of the top few encountered in my career
Creative, original thought						
Written expression						
Intellectual ability						
Academic achievement						
Independence, initiative						
Potential for growth						
Teaching Innovation						
Effective learning environment						
Disciplined work habits						
SUMMARY EVALUATION						

4. WRITTEN EVALUATION

Please include with this form a written letter of recommendation describing how this applicant stands out from his or her colleagues. As you write, please address as many of the following questions as are applicable. (Some items may not be relevant for all applicants.) Thank you for your cooperation.

1. What skills and competencies do you think makes (or will make) this applicant an effective educator?
2. How do you describe the teacher's classroom? What does the learning environment look like and how is technology used in this environment?
3. Describe accomplishments for this applicant in one of the following areas: academic, school or community.
4. What makes this applicant stand out from other educators/pre-educators?

Please note — Return completed recommendation form and letter to the applicant as they must be mailed with the application.

Please print name _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Position/Title _____