

FOUNDATION FOR SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Marie E. Jones Endowed Scholarship Fund *Guidelines*

1. **Name:** Marie E. Jones Endowed Scholarship Fund
2. **Established:** September 2002
3. **Amount:** The scholarship shall provide one student a year up to \$3,500 per year until graduation from an accredited college or university, and will not exceed a total of four years (not to exceed a total of \$14,000 per student).
4. **Purpose:** To assist and motivate students who aspire to become teachers to continue their education for up to four years of post-high school education.
5. **Criteria:**
 - A. Applicant must be a student in the Springfield Public Schools. Preference may be given to students who attended Pipkin Middle School.
 - B. Applicant must have demonstrated financial need and limited resources to continue with their education.
 - C. Applicant must be interested in pursuing a degree in education from an accredited college or university.
 - D. Applicant must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average during high school and participated in extra-curricular activities.
 - E. Dependents of faculty or administrative staff of the Springfield Public School District or the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools are not eligible.
6. **Procedure:**
 - A. Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior. If there is no suitable applicant for a particular academic year, the scholarship will not be awarded that year only and will be awarded the following year based on the same criteria and procedure.

- B. Student must complete the Marie E. Jones Endowed Scholarship Fund Application, obtain two letters of recommendation, including one from a high school teacher, principal or counselor and type at least a one-page essay about future goals.
- C. A selection committee composed of at least one employee from the Springfield R-12 Public School District, a Central High or Pipkin Middle School teacher and a representative of the Foundation for Springfield Public School will review all applications. A personal interview may be requested.
- D. The recipient must provide the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools with proof of enrollment, and a check will be sent to that institution.
- E. The scholarship will be renewable for up to three years for students who maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA. At the end of each semester, the student shall be responsible for submitting a certified transcript from the registrar's office to the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools for proof of enrollment and academic achievement.
- F. Written notification will be provided by the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools of annual recipients to:
- G. Questions regarding the Marie E. Jones Endowed Scholarship Fund should be directed to:

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