

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is the largest and most diverse school system in the state. More than 11,000 students graduate from Gwinnett schools each spring, with the majority advancing to post-secondary study.

Establishing a **(regular or memorial)** scholarship to be in our GCPS Foundation Scholarship Catalog is easy. The **(name of scholarship)** can be made available and ready to post in our October release for students and teachers seeking scholarships for 2023-2024. You can set your own deadline date for an educator scholarship. A fund must be established with the **GCPS Foundation** specifically for this purpose. A **minimum of half per scholarship fund** must be maintained each year with the GCPS Foundation to ensure that funds are available to sustain the scholarship. Donors will receive a thank you acknowledgement at the time of donation, as well as a tax letter in January. Scholarship funds with the GCSP Foundation are not interest bearing, but our senior executive director has a strong financial background and will be glad to discuss options, if desired. There is no fee at this time to establish or maintain a scholarship with the GCPS Foundation, a **501C3 nonprofit charitable entity** benefitting Gwinnett County Public Schools.

Suggested criteria for the scholarship: **(Please add or change-this is an example)**

Name of Scholarship _____

A **one-time** award of \$_____ will be presented to one or more GCPS high school graduating senior(s) with plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited college or university.

Requirements: Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4 pt. scale, a recommendation letter by a faculty member, and provide a one-page essay describing interest in _____. (Topic of your choice).

Requirement for GCPS Foundation Scholarship(s): All scholarship checks will be made payable to the institution of where the student will be attending in the fall of 2024. College student i.d. # and GCPS Foundation Scholarship Form must be completed by student.

Agreed by: _____ scholarship donor
(See separate form on GCPS Foundation letterhead to sign and return)

Suggested content for the announcement, if interested in posting on any sponsors personal websites:

In honor of _____ life, leadership and legacy, **The _____ Scholarship** has been established. Donations can be made in memory to the Gwinnett County Public Schools Foundation for the benefit of _____ scholarship. Donate online at www.gcps-foundation.org or by mail to GCPS Foundation, 437 Old Peachtree Road, Suwanee, GA 30024.

Scholarship Proposal Information

Name of Proposed Scholarship:

Purpose of Scholarship:

Scholarship Amount:

Frequency of Scholarship Award: One-time award or Annually

School Specific:

Scholarship Criteria: (GPA, essay, certain requirements)

Contact Information

Scholarship Sponsor Name:

Sponsor Contact Number:

Sponsor Email:

Examples of various scholarships in our student catalog:

- **J. Alvin Wilbanks Educator Scholarship** (Open to applicants districtwide)
A **one-time \$5,000** scholarship, sponsored by Peach State Federal Credit Union, will be awarded to a graduating senior from GCPS with plans to enter the teaching profession.

Requirements: Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4 pt. scale, exhibit good character and leadership skills, provide a letter of reference from a school administrator, and submit a two-page essay describing a desire to enter the teaching profession. [Application](#)
- **Janice Lawson Aspiring Teacher Scholarship**
A one-time award of **\$1,000** to two students that has a desire to enter the teaching profession.

Requirements: Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4 pt. scale, exhibit good character and leadership skills, provide a letter of reference from a faculty member, and submit a two-page essay describing a desire to enter the teaching profession. [Online Application](#)
- **Jim Maran STEM Scholarship** (Open to applicants district-wide)
A **one-time** award of **\$1,000** will be presented to a GCPS high school graduating senior in honor of James J. Maran, Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce past president. One or more recipients may be named.

Requirements: Applicant must have a minimum 2.7 GPA on a 4 pt. scale, plans to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in science, technology, engineering, or math, provide a letter of reference from a faculty member, and submit a one-page essay describing interest in a STEM related career. [Online application](#)
- **Lou Ann Caldwell Memorial Scholarship** (Open to applicants district-wide)
A **one-time** award of **\$1,000** sponsored by the GCPS Foundation will be presented to two graduating seniors from GCPS.

Requirements: Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4 pt. scale, exhibit good character and leadership skills, provide a letter of reference from a faculty member, and submit a two-page essay describing a desire to enter the teaching profession. [Online Application](#)
- **Brothers Making Moves LLC Scholarship** is a one-time award of **\$1000** to a senior at Lanier High School, who is a first in their family to attend college and has a 2.5 GPA, and has applied to a 2-year college, technical college, or 4-year college or university. This scholarship was formed to provide support to students who are first generation in their family to attend college. Application can be requested through the counseling office at Lanier High School.

Examples of Educator Scholarships:

- **Dr. Robert (Bob) Clarke Memorial Scholarship**

Established in 1985, this scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Bob Clarke, a school psychologist in Gwinnett County Public Schools from 1979-1984.

A one-time stipend of **\$1,500** will be awarded to a GCPS educator seeking to increase their knowledge and skills in the field of school psychology. One or more recipients may be named per year.

Requirements: Applicant must be a GCPS full-time employee with a minimum of one year of experience, in good standing per evaluation process, with letter of endorsement from a supervisor or district administrator, and a willingness to continue employment in the district in a special education capacity.

Applicants may apply or be nominated by a supervisor. [Submit letter of interest and endorsement to](#)

[Tom Owen](#), Director of Psychological Services, Department of Special Education and Psychological Services for review by the selection committee – **Deadline: November 1, grant can be used for spring semester tuition**

- **Dr. Janice L. Calkins SLP Continuing Tuition Assistance for Employees**

GCPS employees accepted into a Master of Science program at a college or university accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association may be nominated or self-nominate for tuition assistance up to \$1,000. Submit an essay sharing why you desire a career in the field of speech-language pathology. Submit documents to Dr. Jan Calkins at jcalk52@gmail.com.