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Nancy Gordon,
Scholarship Committee Chair

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
The MRSPA Fund 2022

About the MRSPA Scholarship Program
In 1999, longtime MRSPA members Irl and Ella Beall bequeathed $50,000 to the Association to create the Fund. After studying who might benefit most from the donation, it was decided that these monies would be used to help uncertificated employees in the public school systems of the state achieve Maryland Teacher Certification.

The first two $1,000 scholarships were awarded to personnel in Frederick and Somerset counties in 2000. Fifty-seven more awards have been granted to date. Since 2014, three $2,000 scholarships have been awarded annually. This year four $2,000 scholarships were awarded.

Scholarship application instructions are sent annually to all public school systems and MRSPA local affiliates. Online applications are reviewed by members of The Community Foundation of Frederick County and members of the MRSPA Scholarship Committee. Recipients are selected and the winners are notified in March and invited to the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting in May.

Administering the Fund
The MRSPA Fund is administered by The Community Foundation of Frederick County. The MRSPA Fund is a donor-advised quasi-endowment fund. Gifts to the Fund are held in perpetuity, never to be spent. A portion of the investment return is used to support the scholarship awards. More information about the Community Foundation of Frederick can be found at www.frederickcountygives.org

The foundation was selected to administer the Fund so all contributions by members/friends are fully tax deductible. The Community Foundation invests the endowment funds in CD’s, Money Markets, stocks and bonds. All donations are acknowledged by The Community Foundation. Quarterly financial reports are provided to MRSPA. A managerial fee of 1.5% is paid to the Foundation for these services.

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Frederick, MD 21701
Make a secure online donation at: www.cffredco.org. Click on Give Now.
Type Maryland Retired School Personnel in the box, hit enter.
Scroll down and click Donate.
Our Track Record
59 Scholarships!

Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

2006
Joanne Clapp, St. Mary’s County, Kindergarten Teacher
Kimberley Lucado, Anne Arundel County, Special Education
Meredith Welty, Frederick County, English Teacher

2007
Virginia Ankeney, Washington County, Elementary Teacher
Theresa Johnson, Wicomico County, Title I Paraprofessional

2008
Jacqueline Barnes, Baltimore County, Para Educator
Laura James, Frederick County, School Employee
Carol Sherman, Cecil County, Brailest/Tutor

2009
Corinne M. Nunez, Frederick County, Biology Teacher
Kathy M. Putnam, Frederick County, Elementary Education

2010
Brenda Bishop, Frederick County, Middle School Instructional Assistant
Randall Larry, Allegany County, Middle School Substitute Teacher

2011
Carly Josephson, Howard County, Elementary Media Para-Educator
David Hoffman, Frederick County, Instructional and SPED Program Assistant

2012
Michele Messick, Wicomico County, Sign Language Interpreter
Corey Shifflett, Washington County, Student Intervention Specialist

2013
Cindy Newmeyer, Frederick County, Substitute Teacher
Andrew Wolf, Frederick County, Special Ed Instructional Assistant

2014
Sue Anne Rowland, Frederick County, Special Ed Instructional Assistant
Patricia Ann Smith, Frederick County, Secretary
Christy Starling, Dorchester County, Instructional Assistant

2015
Emily Ewin, Frederick County, Swimming Pool Operator
Teresa Jordan, Washington County, Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional
Cenora Singleton, Montgomery County, Elementary Para-Educator

2016
Shelley Dowling, Frederick County, Middle School Registrar
Erin Pierorazio, Dorchester County, Social Studies Teacher
Megan St. John, Worcester County, Educational Assistant

2017
Tracey Coleman, Baltimore County, Parent Service Coordinator
Jennifer Lyons, Montgomery County, Counselor Secretary

2018
Pauline Baek, Howard County, Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher
Jill Holley, Cecil County, Instructional Assistant
Patricia Simpson, Somerset County, Special Education Teacher

2019
Kassie Blakelock, Worcester County, Educational Assistant
April Powell, Worcester County, Administrative Assistant
Jane Yoder, Washington County, English Teacher

2020
Katie Charitonuk, Carroll County, Substitute Teacher
Amy Clayton, Washington County, English Teacher
Julie Morris, Frederick County, Special Ed Instructional Assistant

2021
Alicia Benton, Somerset County, Special Ed Grant Generalist
Brad Distad, Washington County, Substitute Teacher
Melissa Martinez, Montgomery County, Paraeducator

2022
Nathan Hooper, Wicomico County, Collision Repair Teacher
Jonie A. Martin, Frederick County, Special Ed Instructional Assistant
Emily J. Mullins, Harford County, Contracted Substitute Teacher
Carmen L. Zapata, Montgomery County, ESOL Teacher

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Community Foundation of Frederick County
Performance Summary (Unaudited)
Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Fund

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