



# Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

## *MRSPA Foundation, Inc. 2023*

### **About the *MRSPA Foundation***

In 1999, longtime MRSPA members Irl and Ella Beall bequeathed \$50,000 to the Association to create the *Foundation*. 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. Since that time, the *Foundation's* purpose has been amended to also provide grants to teachers to enhance their regular classroom curriculum.

The first two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to personnel in Frederick and Somerset counties in 2000. **Sixty-one** more awards have been granted to date. Since 2014, three \$2,000 scholarships have been awarded annually. In 2022 and 2023, four \$2,000 scholarships were awarded.

Scholarship application instructions are sent annually to all public school systems and MRSPA local affiliates. Applications are reviewed and recipients selected by members of the MRSPA Scholarship Committee. Scholarship winners are notified in March. All recipients are invited to the MRSPA Annual Business Meeting in May.

### **Administering the *MRSPA Foundation***

The *MRSPA Foundation* is now administered by The *MRSPA Foundation* Board. It is an endowment fund managed by Lincoln Financial, Inc. The *Foundation* was created so that contributions by members/friends are fully tax deductible. The *Foundation* investment managers invest the principal in products approved by the *Foundation* Board. All donations are acknowledged by the *MRSPA Foundation*. Quarterly financial reports are provided.

### **From the Chair**

The *MRSPA Foundation* depends on the market value of our investments, our fundraisers, and the generosity of our members. With the rising cost of tuition and the financial struggle that students face, it is becoming more and more difficult to get the required certification even though they are employed, with some working more than one job. The *MRSPA Foundation* is designed to help these individuals. It is imperative that we continue to keep qualified personnel in our schools.

Distributions from the *Foundation* are used to provide scholarships to non-certificated employees in the Maryland public schools to become certificated teachers.

The *Foundation* may also support scholarships for certificated teachers and non-certificated employees who are pursuing the certification to become a school counselor, a speech and language pathologist, a physical or occupational therapist, a school social worker, a media specialist, or a school psychologist. Teachers who have a current certification and are enrolled in a program pursuing certification in another education area are also eligible to apply for the scholarship.

We encourage all MRSPA members to help us continue to provide scholarships by donating to the *Foundation*, by increasing your donation to the *Foundation* in the memory of a loved one, or in lieu of a gift to a person who has all that they need.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our regular fundraising participants and past donors and to all who will be donating for the first time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

***Dr. Debbie Chance,***  
***Scholarship Committee Chair***

**Checks should be made payable to *MRSPA Foundation* and mailed to:**  
**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA)**  
**8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A**  
**Odenton, MD 21113**

**Write *Foundation Donation* on the Memo Line**

**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,  
Braille/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

*Ionie A. Martin*, Frederick County,  
Special Ed Instructional Assistant

*Emily J. Mullins*, Harford County,  
Contracted Substitute Teacher

*Carmen L. Zapata*, Montgomery  
County, ESOL Teacher

**2023**  
*Zachary M. Dodson*, Harford County,  
Science Teacher

*Harper W. Gambill*, Baltimore City,  
Special Ed Teacher

*Amanda Glenn MacKenzie*, St. Mary's  
County, Art Teacher

*Shaniqua N. Thompson*, Frederick  
County, Behavioral Support Teacher

<b>Performance Summary (Unaudited)</b> <b>MRSPA Foundation, Inc.</b>	
Market Value at September 30, 2022 .....	\$166,252.26
January 1, 2023—March 31, 2023 performance	
Increases: Contributions & Earnings.....	\$2,157.21
Decreases: Fund Distributions .....	\$0.00
Fees:.....	(\$488.27)
Balance prior to Market Value Adjustment.....	\$167,921.20
Market Value Adjustment (capital gains, interest, dividends).....	\$6,422.25
Market Value at March 31, 2023.....	\$174,343.45