

***The Maryland Retired School Personnel
Association Fund***

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***The Maryland Retired School Personnel
Association and The Community Foundation
of Frederick County invite you
to give.***

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Checks should be payable to The Community Foundation
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Frederick, MD 21701

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Additional information about the Community Foundation,
its administrative practices and its component funds is
available at your request.



***The Maryland Retired School Personnel
Association Fund***

***"Helping to have fully certified teachers in every
classroom in our state"***

The purpose of The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Fund is two-fold:

1. To award scholarships to employees in the Maryland public school systems to obtain educational certification in Maryland.
2. To support programs having community benefit which are sponsored by the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.

MRSPA FUND ESTABLISHMENT

The fund was established in October 1999 with an initial donation from Irl and Ella Beall, members of the Association, and has been supplemented with additional gifts since that time by members and friends of MRSPA.

Gifts are added to The MRSPA Fund in any amount at any time. The Fund is invested with a portion of the fund used annually to award scholarships and provide programs.

The Community Foundation of Frederick County invests in a diversified account with a percentage held in CDs, money market accounts, and stocks and bonds. Preservation of the principal and the Fund's long-term growth are its primary goals.

The Fund is eligible to be a beneficiary of a charitable trust, a charitable gift annuity, a life insurance policy or a bequest. Information on these giving options is available through the Community Foundation. Your generous donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity.

You may make a donation to honor someone on special occasions and we will send a card to the honored person acknowledging your gift. You may also make a donation in memory of someone, and we will send a card to the family or friend acknowledging the gift.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____The amount of the gift will be kept confidential.

My contribution is **in honor of**:_____

for this special occasion:_____

My contribution is **in memory of**:_____

Please mail an acknowledgement to:

Name:_____

Address_____

City:_____State_____Zip_____

Donor Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip_____

Email:_____Daytime Phone:_____

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MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The MRSPA Scholarship Fund 2016

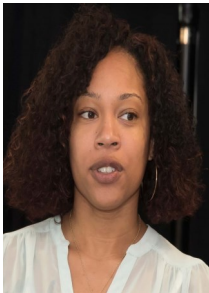
2015 RECIPIENTS



Emily Ewin
Frederick County
Swimming Pool Operator



Teresa Jordan
Washington County
*Elementary School
Special Education
Paraprofessional*



Cenora Singleton
Montgomery County
*Elementary School
Para-Educator*

About the MRSPA Scholarship Program

The first MRSPA scholarships were awarded in 2000 after Irl and Ella Beall made a bequest of \$50,000 to the Association in 1999. After studying the possibilities of offering scholarships, it was decided that these monies would be used to help uncertified employees in the public school systems of the state to achieve Maryland Teacher Certification.

In 2016 the original agreement was broadened to include school employees pursuing requirements to become a school counselor, speech and language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist, school social worker, media specialist or school psychologist.

Scholarship application instructions are sent to all public school systems in the state each year. Online applications are reviewed by members of The Community Foundation of Frederick County Scholarship Committee and members of the MRSPA Scholarship Committee. Recipients are selected and the winners are notified in April.

The 2016 scholarship winners are invited guests and will address the membership at the Annual Business Meeting luncheon May 10, 2016.

Members continue to be very generous in their support of the MRSPA Scholarship Program.

*The Scholarship committee would like to thank all who contribute to support the MRSPA Fund.
All contributions are welcome and needed.*

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2016 RECIPIENTS

Shelley Dowling has worked as a support staff employee for Frederick County Public Schools for 6 1/2 years. She is currently the Registrar at Windsor Knolls Middle School in Ijamsville, Maryland. She is enrolled in the Masters of Arts Teaching Program at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland pursuing certification in Elementary Education. She has been married for 16 years and has 3 children: a son in ninth grade, a son in seventh grade, and a daughter in fifth grade. As her children have become more independent, she is excited to return her focus to her personal goal to become a teacher. With the assistance of this scholarship, she will achieve her goal within three years.

Erin Pierorazio is a 6th grade social studies teacher in Cambridge, Maryland. She has been teaching for eight years in a low socioeconomic area and quickly realized that these students need her more than just teaching history. She believes she can connect with them on a personal level and help them with various traumas in their personal lives. In 2014, she decided to go back to school to become a school counselor. She is attending Wilmington University and will start her internship in the fall of 2016. She is so excited to transition from teacher to counselor and begin this new journey with her students!

Megan St. John is currently an Educational Assistant at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, MD. She is pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education in order to become a certified Special Education teacher. She received her B.A. in Musical Theatre from American University and previously worked with non-profit organizations and public schools to develop arts integrated curriculum.

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 which gives the Association the ability to invade the principal at a special needs time with the approval of the Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation.

The foundation was selected to administer the fund in order for all contributions by members/friends to be fully tax deductible. 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.

The Community Foundation invests the endowment funds in CD's, Money Markets, stocks and bonds.

Community Foundation of Frederick County Fund Performance Summary (Unaudited)

FUND Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

Market Value at December 31, 2015	\$116,052
January 1, 2016—March 31, 2016 performance.	
Increase: Contributions & Earnings	458
Decreases: Funds Distribution	
Management Fees	725
Balance prior to Market Value Adjustment	\$115,785
Market Value Adjustment (capital gains, interest, dividends)	(112)
Market Value at March 31, 2016	\$115,673

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2017-2018 Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Scholarship

MRSPA Employment Verification

Are you employed by a school district within the State of Maryland?

No answer
provided

Please list the name of the school district you are employed in.

No answer
provided

Please list the name of your supervisor for the school district you are currently employed in.

No answer
provided

Please list your supervisor's phone number for the school district you are currently employed in.

No answer
provided

Please list your supervisor's email address for the school district you are currently employed in.

No answer
provided

Applicant Demographics

Last Name

No answer
provided

First Name

No answer
provided

Middle Name

No answer
provided

Permanent Address Line 1

No answer
provided

Permanent Address Line 2

No answer
provided

Permanent City

No answer
provided

Permanent State

No answer
provided

Permanent Zip

No answer
provided

Permanent Phone

No answer
provided

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

No answer
provided

Email Address

No answer
provided

Current Phone

No answer
provided

Cell Phone

No answer
provided

College/Post-secondary School Information

Post-secondary Information: Please select the post-secondary school you are MOST LIKELY TO ATTEND this upcoming academic year.

No answer
provided

If other, please specify the institution you will attend:

No answer
provided

Will you be attending part-time or full-time?

No answer
provided

Schools Student Id

No answer
provided

Please upload your most current transcript. Applicants are required to be enrolled at the time of application.

No answer
provided

Academic degree enrolled towards in this upcoming school year

No answer
provided

Essays

Please detail why you want to obtain your teacher certification or obtain a new certification in a different specialty. State the area of education you are considering and why.

No answer provided

Please explain your need for financial assistance. Be as specific as possible.

No answer provided

How do you plan to cover your cost of attendance and do you have a backup plan in place?

Please provide a breakdown of how your total cost of attendance will be covered. Include any financial aid packages that you have received from your college. Please round to the nearest whole dollar. Example: Cost of Attendance \$23,000 Financial Aid \$10,000 Loans \$10,000 My contribution \$3,000

Maximum length: 300 words.

No answer provided

I attest that the contents of this application and attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of contents if asked.

No answer
provided

January 5, 2016

Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent
Anne Arundel County Public Schools
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Superintendent Arlotto:

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, through its MRSPA Fund, is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to public school employees in Maryland who are enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification or to meet the requirements to become a school counselor, speech and language pathologist, physical or occupational therapist, school social worker, media specialist or school psychologist.

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MRSPA is committed to helping insure that highly skilled and certified educational personnel are providing outstanding services to students. In the past sixteen years, thirty-eight scholarships have been awarded. We look forward to your continued support of this effort.

Sincerely,



Max E. Muller
MRSPA President

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