

MASON CITY AREA RETIRED
SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

February 1, 2018

To: High School Guidance Counselor

The Mason City Area Retired School Personnel Association is offering a \$250.00 Merit Award to a high school senior who is interested in going into the field of teaching. Please encourage seniors planning a career in teaching to apply.

The application form that is enclosed with this letter needs to be completely filled out. Copies can be made. The applicant needs to submit an original essay as described in the application form. Two letters of recommendation, one from the School Counselor and the other from a Business/Professional/Clergy/Community Leader, are required. Letters of recommendation should include strengths and qualities about the candidate that would make him/her a good teacher and ways he/she has demonstrated these qualities. Please include comments on courses the student has taken beyond basic requirements and his/her involvement in school and other activities.

The application form, two letters of recommendation and essay by the applicant must be received by April 1, 2018. Please send to:

Peg Huisman, Chairman
MCARSPA Merit Award Committee
809 2nd Ave SE
Rockford, IA 50468

The winner will be notified and invited to receive their award at a May dinner. A check will be sent to the recipient after verification of enrollment in a school of the applicant's choice. If you have any questions, contact Peg Huisman at (641) 425-5681.

Sincerely,

Peg Huisman Jane Ohden

Peg Huisman and Jane Ohden, Co-Chairs
MCARSPA Merit Award Committee

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MERIT AWARD APPLICATION –2018

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Name of School _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

What school will you be attending _____

Address of school _____

Which area of education planned (K-college teaching) _____

How do you plan to finance your education? _____

Signature of applicant _____

Include two letters of recommendation, one from your school counselor and the other from a Business/Professional/Clergy/Community Leader (outside of school). Letters of recommendation should include strengths and qualities that would make the applicant a good teacher and ways applicant has demonstrated these qualities.

As an applicant for this Merit Award, submit an original essay consisting of not more than 200 words, which will give insight into your personality and express the qualities you want to be known and remembered by in your chosen area of teaching.

This Merit Award will be given to a high school senior who will be a college student in the coming year and intending to major in education.

Failure to enclose all of the requested items at the time of submission of application and failure to meet the deadline date of April 1, 2018, will result in being disqualified.

Mail letters of recommendation, your essay and application form by April 1, 2018, to
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Call Peg Huisman (642-425-5681) if you would like further clarification.