



GROWING OUR OWN TEACHERS FUTURE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

Due April 14, 2023

Application intended for the following participating PWCS schools only.

*C.D. Hylton
Colgan
Gainesville
Gar-Field
Osborn Park
Patriot
Unity Reed
Woodbridge*



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The mission of the *Growing Our Own Teachers* in PWCS program is to identify, recruit, and mentor high school students interested in the field of education, who after college will return to classrooms as teachers and leaders.

Apple Federal Credit Union has partnered with Prince William County Schools' *Growing Our Own Teachers* program to establish an annual scholarship award to be provided to three graduating high school seniors who intend to pursue studies to enter the teaching profession.

Scholarship Award: \$3,000

Number of scholarships: 3

Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be a graduating senior attending a Prince William County public high school who is planning to further his/her education by enrolling at a four-year college or university.
- The applicant must plan to enroll in a teacher preparation program to pursue teacher certification.
- The applicant must be at least one of the following:
 1. Student enrolled in the Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow (VTfT) course
 2. Student enrolled in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) course
 3. Active participant in the high school's Educators Rising® organization
- The applicant must have maintained a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA during his/her high school career and provide a high school transcript including first semester grades for his/her senior year.
- The applicant must demonstrate leadership and commitment to the school and community through involvement in school and community activities.
- Submit a signed letter of agreement stating that the applicant plans to complete courses in a teacher education program at a 4-year college or university.

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There are four components to this scholarship application. Each is explained in detail on pages 3-6.

- I. The Application
- II. The Cover Letter
- III. The Resume'
- IV. The Job Interview

Deadline for application submission

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. All completed applications should be emailed to GrowingOurOwnTeachers@pwcs.edu.

Selection and notification

The Department of Human Resources will select and announce the recipient no later than April 28, 2023. The recipient will be notified by email. The recipients will also be asked to attend the *Growing Our Own* Senior Recognition Ceremony at the Kelly Leadership Center, May 2, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The scholarship award shall be based on merit and qualifications and shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.

Recipient information

If you are awarded this scholarship, a check in the amount of \$3,000 will be deposited into your student account to be used for educational purposes at the college or university in which you will be attending. A copy of your college/university acceptance letter, student ID number and school email must be provided to the *Growing Our Own* program coordinator no later than June 16, 2023. Please make certain all of the information included with this application is correct so representatives can reach you and your parents if necessary. Please email this information to stenhokt@pwcs.edu.

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JOB INTERVIEW
Scholarship Application

As a component of the scholarship application process, applicants will participate in a mock interview and practice cover letter and résumé writing skills by applying for a paraprofessional position (teacher assistant-TA). The link to the position description can be found below.

Applicants will apply for the following teaching assistant position:

[PWCSTAdescriptionGOO.pdf](#)

Members of the Department of Human Resources teacher recruitment team will review the cover letters and résumés and — just like any job application/interview process — candidates will be interviewed for a paraprofessional position. Interviews will take place virtually, via Zoom.

The hiring committee will ask questions of the job candidates one at a time. The three candidates who submit the strongest cover letters, resumés and perform the best in the interview will be selected as a scholarship recipient for 2023. Since high school graduates are eligible to be employed as paraprofessionals in PWCS, this opportunity also offers an immediate opportunity for a real-world application of the work entailed in participation.

The Cover Letter

The cover letter must follow a standard cover letter format. It must be typed and in English. It should not exceed one page and should complement, not duplicate, the candidate's résumé. The cover letter should explain the reasons for interest in the position and school and identify his or her most relevant skills or experiences. The letter should express a high level of interest and knowledge about the position. To see expectations for formatting and content of a successful cover letter, review the information on this link:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/job_search_letters/cover_letters_1_quick_tips/index.html

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The Resume'

The résumé should follow a standard résumé format and be typed and in English. It should not exceed one page and include at least two references. To see expectations for formatting and content of a standard résumé review the information on this link:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/resumes_and_vitas/resume_workshop/index.html

Additional information:

- Candidates will be evaluated using Educators Rising® Job Interview Competition rubric.
- All information in the cover letter and résumé must be truthful.
- The virtual interview will last for approximately 15 minutes. All candidates will be asked the same interview questions by a panel of members from the PWCS hiring committee.
- Complete and upload any required materials by the stated deadline.
- Deadline extensions will NOT be granted.

No later than April 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm, please send your completed application packet to include:

Cover Letter (details on p.3)
Student information Sheet (p.4)
Resume' (details on p.5)
Signed agreement letter (p.6)

GrowingOurOwnTeachers@pwcs.edu

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Student Information Sheet *(Please Type)*

Student Name	
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i> <i>Middle</i>
Street Address	
City, Zip Code	
High School	
PWCS Student Identification Number	
Are you a member of Educators Rising?	
Are you enrolled in Teachers for Tomorrow or Early Childhood Education?	
Date of Birth	
Student Home Phone	
Student Cell Phone	
Student Email	
Mother's Name	
Mother's Phone	
Mother's Email	
Father's Name	
Father's Phone	
Father's Email	
Student Cumulative High School GPA	School Counselor Name

References <i>(Provide the name and email address for two teachers or principals in PWCS who can provide favorable remarks about you)</i>	
Teacher name	Email

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

By signing this agreement, the student acknowledges the offer of a one-time scholarship award from AFCU Education Foundation the 2023-2024 academic year. **The student understands and agrees that these funds are to only be used for educational related expenses at his or her college or university.**

By signing and accepting the award shown on the award letter, the student agrees to abide by the following requirements:

1. Attend all classes enrolled at all times barring verifiable hardships.
2. Continue to be enrolled in at minimum 12 credit hours each semester.
3. Plan to seek endorsement and licensure for teaching in PK-3, PK-6, middle school, high school or special education.
4. Maintain current satisfactory academic progress.
5. Attend and participate in at least one Prince William County Schools' sponsored *Growing Our Own Teachers* event (i.e. Career Planning Seminar, Student Leadership Conference, or Preparing Our Future Teachers Conference).
6. Apply for summer school or substitute teaching opportunities with PWCS.
7. Scholarship is not finalized until the student signs and returns this contract within 10 days of the date of the Award Letter.
8. The Department of Human Resources will select and announce the recipient no later than April 28, 2023. The recipient will be notified by email. You will also be asked to attend the Growing Our Own Senior Recognition Ceremony at the Kelly Leadership Center, May 2, 2023, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The scholarship award shall be based on merit and qualifications and shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

"Dependent" students require a parent's signature

PARENT SIGNATURE (if applicable): _____