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To: Camdenton R-III School District Educators

RE: Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation Educator Scholarships

"We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn," wrote Mary Catherine Bateson. The Camdenton R-III Education Foundation and I are thrilled to offer educator scholarships that assist you in attaining your desired next level of education.

The Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation incorporated over ten years ago as a not-for-profit organization with this mission: "To generate and manage resources to enhance learning opportunities for students and staff in our School District."

Several years ago we began specifically focusing on you as educators by matching your payroll deductions to provide grants for extremely worthy classroom projects targeted to impact many students.

In an effort to continue that focus, the Foundation Board is continuing the Educator Scholarship program aimed at supporting your personal development and aspirations. The scholarship program is designed expressly for worthy Camdenton R-III certified teachers wishing to achieve advanced degrees in education. By initiating this program, we are continuing our quest and staying true to our motto, "Steering the Course for the Future."

We plan to award three \$500 scholarships for the 2017 school year. Applications can be found on the Foundation's link of the school district website. The **submission deadline is June 9, 2017**. More detailed information regarding the scholarship award process is noted on the application.

We sincerely hope you will apply for the Foundation's opportunity to financially support your pursuit of advanced degrees in education. If you have additional questions please contact me at 573-348-0606, or selyb5@aol.com.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest," penned Benjamin Franklin. Interest is found in monetary form as a benefit in the form of increased salary. Also, your students will take interest in and will remember the fact that you are continuing your knowledge quest. This also adds to their lesson of the importance of being a life-long learner. Please apply for a scholarship today!

With Laker Pride,

Selynn Barbour, President

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Scholarship Application for Advanced Degree

Eligibility:

- *Employed, full-time at Camdenton R-III School District*
- *Educator in Pre-K through 12th grade*
- *Minimum of three years classroom teaching experience*
- *Must be used within the 2017 calendar year*
- *Must have the intention of returning to the district in the consecutive school year*

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Current Position: _____

College for which the scholarship would be used: _____

What degree will be received? _____

Have you been accepted for this program? _____

Education and Teaching Experience: Please provide a personal resume that lists your educational background and your teaching experience. Include any other job experience that is related to your current position.

Proposed College Credit: Please include a description of the degree you are pursuing and how you will utilize this continuing education in the classroom and the value of this training to the students. Please include the costs of college credit hour and if applicable how much credit will be given.

Recommendation: Please provide a letter from the principal of your current school or evaluator or immediate supervisor of Camdenton R-III that recommends you for this additional training.

Please submit completed application to: Camdenton R-III Education Foundation, P. O. Box 1409, Camdenton, MO 65020-1409, no later than **June 9, 2017**. Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Scholarships will be paid directly to the institution for tuition only. If selected as a finalist the applicant will need to participate in an interview before school resumes for the ensuing school year. The scoring rubric will contain one line item of weight given to an applicant pursuing an advanced degree in the District's area of critical need, currently math and communication arts. An awardee may reapply. A letter of notification will be sent to all applicants. Those educators who are selected may also receive a classroom visit in addition to the letter. If you have additional questions please contact Selynn Barbour, President of the Camdenton R-III Education Foundation, at 573-348-0606, or selyb5@aol.com. Thank you for expanding your knowledge and service to our students and staff of our Laker School District.

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Educator Scholarship Committee Overview

Objective: To support the mission statement of the Foundation through this committee's ability to recognize/nominate worthy Camdenton R-III, certified educators wishing to achieve advanced degrees in education.

Description: This committee, including one chairperson, will be appointed by the President of the Foundation and confirmed by the board no later than May of each year for a period of the award process.

Number of and amount of scholarships awarded: The number and amounts of the scholarships shall be determined by the scholarship committee and verified by the Foundation board each year. This will be dependent upon revenue generated and by the will of the board. At the March 2014 meeting the scholarship amounts were set as three \$500 scholarships.

Logistics/General Information: The application shall be available on the Foundation website. The application and scoring rubric should be reviewed and updated by the Foundation board before each May. Special attention should be given to update the year the monies are to be used for and person to direct questions to and their contact information. Naturally, any improvements should be made at this time as well.

The committee will receive a copy of the application and scoring rubric in May to become familiar with the format. After the due date and applications are in, the chairman or secretary shall copy and make available to the committee members the applicants' applications and supporting materials. The committee should meet to determine the top ten, or a committee-agreed upon smaller number, depending upon the number of applicants, to interview in early August.

The personal interview shall be judged by a scoring template of 1-10, with each judge using their own expertise in scoring. However, the main determinant should be the score of the application with less weight given to the personal interview. If there is a tie, then the personal interview could be the determining factor. At the end of the personal interviews the committee should come to an agreement as to the awardees. The committee chairman should then give a written statement of awardees to the Foundation President.

Once the awardees are determined and confirmed by a vote of the Foundation board, they will be notified by the chairman, President or President-appointed person. A letter of notification will be sent to all applicants. Those educators who are selected may also receive a classroom visit in addition to the letter. The awardees will need to produce an enrollment receipt or proof of enrollment to the treasurer. Then the treasurer will directly issue a check to the awardees' higher learning institution for upcoming tuition.

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Name _____

CAMDENTON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION ADVANCED EDUCATION EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

AREA OF STUDY			
4	3	2	1
The applicant will pursue an area of study within the applicant's field of practice and is an area of critical need (i.e. science, math, reading).	The applicant will pursue an area of study within the applicant's field of practice, but is not an area of critical need.	The applicant will pursue an area of study within the field of education.	The applicant will pursue an area of study outside of the field of education.
FINANCIAL NEED			
4	3	2	1
A detailed explanation is included as to why the money is needed and how it will be used. Need for financial assistance is evident. The applicant has not been a previous recipient.	Contains a statement about why the money is needed and how it will be used. The need for financial assistance is not overly clear. The applicant may have been a previous recipient.	Statement is vague about why assistance is needed and/or is not clear about how the money will be used. The need for financial assistance is not apparent. The applicant may have been a previous recipient.	The application does not address the need for financial support nor how the money will be used. The applicant may have been a previous recipient.
STRATEGIC PLAN			
4	3	2	1
The application clearly connects to the goals and objectives of the Camdenton R-III Strategic Plan.	The application connects to the goals and objectives of the Camdenton R-III Strategic Plan.	The application attempts to connect to the goals and objectives of the Camdenton R-III Strategic Plan.	The application does not connect to the goals and objectives of the Camdenton R-III Strategic Plan.
TEACHING EXPERIENCE			
4	3	2	1
Applicant has taught in the District more than three years.	Applicant has taught in the District three years.	Applicant has taught in the District two years.	Applicant has taught in the District less than two years.
RECOMMENDATIONS			
4	3	2	1
Candidate has strong recommendations.	Candidate has good recommendations.	Candidate has fair recommendations.	Candidate has weak recommendations.
OVERALL			
4	3	2	1
Application is of high quality in presentation and in writing.	Application is of quality in presentation and in writing. (Minimal errors may be overlooked.)	A complete application; however, the application may lack quality and details.	An incomplete application or an application that is missing necessary requirements.

*Place of study – academic study is conducted in a high-quality educational institution. Applicant will provide the committee credentials of attending institution.
Consideration will be given regarding the rigor of the college/university.