



Winifred R. Reynolds Educational Scholarship Fund

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE DENVER FOUNDATION

Scholarships for Students Pursuing Graduate Degrees focused on Early Childhood Education

Application Information for Summer 2012 – Spring 2013 Scholarships

Winifred R. Reynolds was a lifelong educator who was born in Los Angeles in 1909. She grew up in Ohio and received her Masters degree from the Palmer Institute. After teaching for many years in Ft. Collins, CO, she moved to San Luis Obispo, CA in 1968 to teach Early Childhood Development at California Polytechnic State University. Ms. Reynolds' emphasis was on Infancy and she was instrumental in creating a program that sent Child Development students into existing local preschools for hands-on training as part of their curriculum. Ms. Reynolds passed away on June 5th, 2001 at the age of 93. The Winifred R. Reynolds Educational Scholarship Fund, and a similar fund in California, were created through a bequest established in her will.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Colorado or have been a resident of Colorado for at least 2 years between January 1, 2006 and April 1, 2012; and
- be enrolled or planning to enroll in a master's or doctorate level program in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Educational Psychology, or an equivalent program *with coursework focusing on early childhood education*
- have unmet financial need; and
- have earned a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher for any graduate level work that has been completed (students who are just starting their graduate work should have a strong undergraduate academic record and will be required to provide a transcript that shows a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher after their first semester of graduate study in order for their funding to be continued); and

Application & Selection Process

Please see the Application Instructions on page two for detailed information on how to apply. The Selection Committee will look at an applicant's academic achievement, experience, career goals, commitment to and passion for their chosen field, potential for leadership and the possibility of making a strong contribution to the field. *An applicant must have financial need in order to be eligible for a scholarship, but the selection process will be based on merit.* Applications must be postmarked by **March 23, 2012**. A letter will be sent to all applicants regarding the Selection Committee's decisions on or before May 11, 2012.

Awards

Scholarships of varying amounts are awarded once a year through a competitive process. Award amounts are based upon the strength of the application submitted and the number of credit hours an applicant will enroll in for the upcoming academic year. This application form can be used to request scholarship assistance for the Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Winter/Spring 2013 term(s)/semester(s). Scholarship grants can be used for tuition, fees, and/or required books. Applicants can be full-time or part-time students. Previous recipients are encouraged to re-apply. An individual can receive a scholarship from this fund for a maximum of three years.



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Winifred R. Reynolds Educational Scholarship Fund Scholarship Application Instructions

Submit all of the following items in one application packet. If an item is missing from your application packet, your application will not be considered by the Selection Committee. All materials should be one-sided and should be labeled A, B, C and submitted in the following order:

A. Application Form

Complete the application form by printing clearly or by using Adobe Acrobat. You must sign your application by hand in order for your application to be considered complete. Please feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary.

B. Resume

Include a current resume that includes your work history and details your work experience (both paid and volunteer), schools attended, degrees and/or certificates earned, certifications, honors, awards, etc.

C. Transcript of Grades

Submit a transcript of **all** college level work that you have completed. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship may be required to submit official transcripts for verification.

D. Signed and Dated Personal Statement

Submit an original personal statement, one or two pages in length, which addresses the following questions:

1. Why did you choose to pursue a graduate degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or an equivalent program?
2. What are your short and long term career goals?
3. Please briefly describe your leadership experience, if any.
4. What else would you like committee members to know as they consider your application?

If you have previously received funding through this scholarship program, instead of answering the questions above, please write a statement reflecting on your recent experiences in early childhood education, your current studies, any leadership experience in the past year, and whether your career goals or future plans have changed in the past year.

E. Recommendation Letters

Include two confidential letters of recommendation with your application packet from each of the following:

- An academic professor or advisor in your field; **and**
- A paid work or volunteer work supervisor (preferably from a position related to your field of study)

Recommendation letters should include the recommender's position and title, how long they have known and/or worked with you, and should comment on your ability to be an effective ECE teacher and professional.

Recommendation letters must be on letterhead and signed and dated within the nine months of the application deadline.

F. Deadline & Applying Instructions

Mail or deliver all of the above in one complete packet to The Denver Foundation, c/o Winifred R. Reynolds Scholarship Fund, 55 Madison, 8th Floor, Denver, CO 80206. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 23, 2012. *Do not use staples or binders other than paper clips because applications must be duplicated for the selection committee.* Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions?

If you have questions about this application or scholarship program, please contact Lisa Fasolo Frishman at 303.996.7328 or lfasolo@denverfoundation.org.

Winifred R. Reynolds Educational Scholarship Fund Summer 2012 – Spring 2013 Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION - Please type or print clearly.

Title: Ms. Mrs. Mr. Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code County

Cell phone: _____ Personal E-mail Address: _____

Please check one:

I am a current resident of Colorado

I was a resident of Colorado from _____ through _____

Have you received funding from this scholarship in prior years? Yes No

Name of Employer: _____

Title: _____ Number of hours worked each week? _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of college/university you currently attend or plan to attend: _____

Expected Degree: Masters PhD Other _____

Program Focus: _____

Date you began or will begin working toward this degree? _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Length of Program: _____

****If you are currently enrolled in school, please include a current class schedule with your application packet.****

ANTICIPATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Estimate the cost of tuition, fees, and books for each semester/term/quarter that you will be attending in the upcoming year. *Please leave the box blank if you will not be attending during a certain time period or if your school does not have a semester/term/quarter that matches the column heading.*

	Number of Credit Hours You Will Enroll For	Tuition and Fees*	Cost of Books	Total Cost of Attendance*
Summer 2012				
Fall 2012				
Winter 2012-2013 (If applicable)				
Spring 2013				
Total				

*This information is available on the school's website or through the Financial Aid office.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES (All information provided will be kept confidential and used for scholarship selection purposes only.)

What is your marital status: Single Married Divorced Other _____

2011 household income (2011 adjusted gross income as reported on your 1040 or equivalent form): _____

2012 anticipated household income from all sources (excluding student loans, TA or fellowship income): _____

Number of people supported by this income: _____

List the names, ages, and relationship of the individuals supported by your household income (ex. Jon, 19, son):

Number of people in your household who will be enrolled in a college degree/certification program for the upcoming academic year (include the applicant): _____

Have you completed the FAFSA in 2012? _____ If yes, what is your Expected Family Contribution(EFC)? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, provide additional information about your financial situation and how you plan/ have been paying for your education. Include information about your student loan debt to date if applicable.

ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL AID

List the amount of aid you expect to receive for the 2012-2013 academic year. While awards from this fund can only be applied to tuition, fees, and required books we recognize that there are many other expenses (child care, transportation, parking, etc.) related to attending school while working. Receiving aid from other sources does not disqualify an applicant from receiving a scholarship award from this fund.

Type of Financial Aid		Pending or Confirmed?
Scholarships from College/University:	\$ _____	_____
Other Scholarships/Grants:		
Type/Name: _____	\$ _____	_____
Type/Name: _____	\$ _____	_____
Type/Name: _____	\$ _____	_____
Employer Sponsored Tuition Plan:	\$ _____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

I certify that all of the information included in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on this form, relevant tax forms, official transcripts, and /or proof of residency. I understand that if this information is not provided, or if the information is different than presented in this application, that the award may be rescinded. I agree that my name, photo, award amount, and information provided about my future plans may be used in announcements or articles (ex. graduation, newspaper) issued by The Denver Foundation. In addition, by signing this form, I hereby authorize the college/university to release information pertaining to my financial aid, enrollment status, or transcripts to The Denver Foundation.

Signature

Date