

Dr. James E. Hedrick, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Online Application Deadline: 9pm on Sunday, April 16, 2017 Awards will vary in size from \$1,000 to \$5,000 Only online submissions accepted. No paper applications will be reviewed.

Thank you for your interest in applying for scholarship funds through the Dr. James E. Hedrick, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. This one-time scholarship is being offered for high school seniors graduating in June 2017 with an interest in pursuing a career in education, with special emphasis given to future educators with a strong interest in athletic coaching.

This scholarship recognizes outstanding high school students from schools in the Wake County Public School System that have PTA or PTSA units that are members of the Wake County PTA Council. If you are uncertain as to whether your school's PTA/PTSA unit is a member of the Wake County PTA Council, please check with your unit president or treasurer to determine your eligibility to apply.

The awards, which may vary in size from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 in value, will be announced in May 2017. Award checks will be issued in June 2017, and these checks will be made payable to both the scholarship winner and the winner's post-secondary school. Therefore, the student(s) receiving these scholarships will need to work with the Bursar's office at their post-secondary school to ensure that the funds are appropriately applied to the student's account.

This scholarship application must be completed online at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HedrickScholarship2017

Please work on your initial draft of the scholarship application outside of the Survey Monkey tool, as Survey Monkey will only allow you to submit one application. You cannot save your progress and come back to the application, but rather it must be done all in one sitting once you've opened the Survey Monkey tool. For ease of application, we recommend that applicants consider writing responses in Word for the entire question set. Give yourself a chance a review and edit while your responses are still in Word. Once you're satisfied with the response, then copy and paste them into the Survey Monkey application tool.

The application tool will close on Sunday, April 16th, 2017, at 9pm. This is the evening before traditional WCPSS students return to school from Spring Break. No late applications will be accepted. Applicants will be informed of scholarship decisions via email no later than close of business on Friday, May 5th, 2017. All decisions of the scholarship awards by Wake County PTA Council will be final and not open to further review or discussion.

If you have questions or concerns about this scholarship application, please do not hesitate to contact Wake County PTA Council Advocacy Chair Sarah Martin at sbmmom@gmail.com. If you send an email and do not receive a response within 24 hours, please resend your email and note "Second Request." All correspondence will be via email.





Please note that the application must be completed online using the Survey Monkey tool located at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HedrickScholarship2017. For convenience of the applicant, this listing of questions should help you prepare in advance for filling out the online application. As noted above, once you've entered data into the Survey Monkey tool, you cannot save progress and come back to it. Therefore, it will be very important that you complete a typed draft of your responses and then copy and paste them into the online tool.

- Student Name
- Student Address
- Student Email Address
- Student Telephone Number
- WCPSS School (please type full name, no abbreviations)
- WCPSS High School Address
- PTA/PTSA President Name
- PTA/PTSA President Email Address (you may find this on your school's website)
- Is the student's expected graduation date in June 2017?
- Student Age as of May 1, 2017
- Gender
- Parent Name
- Parent Address (if different from student)
- Parent Telephone Number
- Parent Email Address
- Intended post-secondary school of attendance (college or university name)
- Address of post-secondary school of attendance Bursar Office
- Date of acceptance letter from post-secondary school offering admission to graduating student
- Date of student's acceptance of admission, or expected date of acceptance of admission offer
- GPA (weighted and unweighted), as of end of first semester (January 2017)
- Class Rank, Class Size, and Approximate date of ranking
- Names and email addresses of two persons unrelated to you who would be willing to serve as references if needed.
- Short Answer Question #1: Dr. James E. Hedrick, Jr., was a beloved principal and teacher who strongly supported the notion of preparing students for future careers in education. What are your career goals? Include a short description of intended field of educational study and any preparation that you have done to this point to help you along that career path.



- Short Answer Question #2: Why do you want to enter the field of teaching?
- Short Answer Question #3: In particular, Dr. Hedrick spent a good portion of his education career as a high school athletic coach. This scholarship will be awarded to persons interested in a career in education, with special emphasis given to applicants also interested in athletic coaching as part of their career. What, if any, interest do you have in athletic coaching as part of your future career in education? Include a short description of any preparation that you have done to this point to help you in future athletic coaching endeavors. If you do not intend to pursue athletic coaching as part of your educational career, please so state.
- Short Answer Question #4: If applicable, why do you want to be an athletic coach?
- Short Answer Question #5: Dr. Hedrick was known for his sense of humor and his family honored him in his obituary with a recounting of many details of his life's path and successes. For example, the obituary included details about his hobbies as follows: "In addition to being a proud educator, he was widely known as an average golfer who only got two holes-in-one in one round once. He also flew planes, ziplined, and went to 2015's World Series (the only time he enjoyed visiting the city of New York)." How would you describe your hobbies and out of school activities? It's your chance to show us your creativity and to brag about your accomplishments. Please keep your answer to under 300 words. You may choose to write this answer in first person narrative or third person narrative (similar to the description of Dr. Hedrick above).

