

# SPRINGDALE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

### Springdale Public Schools Scholarship Program

#### PURPOSE

The SEA Scholarship Fund provides financial support to a graduate of an accredited Springdale School District high school pursuing a post-secondary degree in Education or Education related field at a university/vocational school in Arkansas.

#### USE OF FUNDS

The SEA Scholarship helps deserving students continue their education by providing financial assistance for tuition, books, and supplies over one academic year.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Qualified applicants must be:

1. Graduating seniors from an accredited public high school in Springdale, and
2. Be enrolling as a full-time student at a two- or four-year college or University in Arkansas,
3. Be planning to pursue a degree in an education or education related field
4. Preference will be given to students whose parents are members of the Arkansas Education Association.

*Age, race, sex, marital status or religious affiliation will have no bearing on eligibility for this scholarship.*

#### CRITERIA

The criteria for selection of the scholarship recipient is determined by the selection committee, and may include, but are not limited to, academic performance, financial need, unusual circumstances, and volunteer, work, or extracurricular activities.

#### AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The amount of the scholarship is \$250. Changes to the scholarship amount may be determined by the Springdale Education Association based on factors including, but not limited to, the amount of dollars available from the fund.

#### NON-RENEWABLE

This scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is as follows:

1. You must complete the online application by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Your cover letter must include your response to one of the following prompts:
  - a. Describe how a teacher has influenced your life.
  - b. Why you want to become an educator?
  - c. How do you hope to make a difference as an educator?
2. The selection committee will review applications.
3. The recipient will be notified of final scholarship decisions at the senior assembly.

