Florida Retired Educators Foundation (FREF) Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

- Seniors graduating from an accredited Florida high school (public/private)
- Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Minimum test scores –SAT - 1000 or ACT – 22
- **MUST** attend an accredited Florida college/university (public/private)
- **MUST** teach in Florida, following graduation. A copy of the OFFICIAL FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE must be sent to the State FREA Office. The scholarship requires recipients to teach in the State of Florida for one year for every year the scholarship was awarded. If not, they must repay any scholarship monies received.

Scholarship Application Information

The application is online at www.frea.org/scholarships. Due to some students not having computers or access to Internet, there is also an option to print out a hardcopy of the application. You can print out a copy for them. **Students with access to a computer and internet should submit their applications online.**

Things to Know:

- **The application cannot be saved online, once it is started**. Therefore, please advise students to visit the application before starting to fill it out. They need to know what information is needed to complete the application. There is a checklist on the first page of the scholarship information. They may also print out a hard copy for planning purposes.
- **All applications—online and hard copy--are due on or before January 20**. Once the submit button has been pressed, students will have the option of saving their completed application on a flash drive or computer. Hard copy applications should be mailed to the following address:

  Florida Retired Educators Association
  8950 9th Street, N.
  Suite 105
  St. Petersburg, FL 33702
- **Supporting documents** (i.e. transcripts, essay, letters of recommendation, etc.) may be submitted online or printed and mailed. **Supporting documents due on or before January 31.**
- **For the required essay**, students may type the essay ahead of time and save it to a flash drive or computer. Once they have proofread and added any finishing touches, they will need to save it in PDF format and upload it to the application.