

## 2020 DPO Scholarship for Future Teachers

The Iowa City Community Schools Districtwide Parent Organization (DPO) Scholarship was established in 1954 in honor of Kate Wickham, who taught in the Iowa City Schools from 1902 to 1939. Students planning a career in teaching have been awarded more than \$80,000 in scholarships. The scholarships are made possible by donations from parent teacher organizations, individuals, and area groups in honor of named individuals who have contributed to our schools. Generally, schools honor retiring teachers and staff or outstanding volunteers. The dollar amount and number of scholarships awarded depends on the number of honorees and quality of applications. Recently, we have awarded scholarships ranging from \$600 to \$1,000 to two to eight students. At the Scholarship Reception on Thursday, April 23, 3:45–5:30 PM, we will honor both the seniors winning scholarships and the named honorees.

### Eligibility

Seniors attending high school in the Iowa City Community School District who will graduate in 2020 and who plan to pursue a college education to teach in K–12 schools

### Applications

To apply, email the following to [dposcholarship@gmail.com](mailto:dposcholarship@gmail.com) by **7 PM on March 9**:

1. Cover page (form attached)
2. List of activities and awards (form attached)
3. Personal essay (300–500 words) on why you want to teach. Include what area of education you wish to pursue (e.g., grade level or science, language arts, music, special education) and why you believe you would be an effective teacher in this area.
4. School transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)
5. Reference: Ask a teacher or mentor to complete the attached reference form and submit as an email attachment directly to [dposcholarship@gmail.com](mailto:dposcholarship@gmail.com) by **March 9**.

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not receive a confirmation email saying that we received your completed application by **March 11**, please email us to ask what is missing.

### Award Announcement

We notify all applicants of the results by **March 31**. The final number of scholarships and the amount varies each year depending on the donations and applications received.

### Scholarship Reception

Scholarship recipients are asked to attend the DPO Scholarship Reception on **Thursday, April 23, 2020, 3:45–5:30 PM** at the Education Services Center (ESC), 1725 North Dodge St., Iowa City, to be recognized.

# Cover Page

## DPO Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High school: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Mentor Information**

Select someone instrumental in your decision to become a teacher and whom you wish to honor at the scholarship reception if you are selected as a scholarship winner.

Mentor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor's email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Checklist**

\_\_\_ Cover page

\_\_\_ List of activities and awards

\_\_\_ Personal essay

\_\_\_ School transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

\_\_\_ Reference form: Submitted by your reference via email to [dposcholarship@gmail.com](mailto:dposcholarship@gmail.com) by March 9, 2020

## List of Activities and Awards

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**School Activities (Clubs, Sports, etc.)**

Activity	Grades Active	Brief description	Leadership Role (if applicable)

**Non-School Activities (Community, civic, employment, athletic, arts, etc.)**

Activity	Years Active	Brief description	Leadership Role (if applicable)

**Honors and Awards:**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature or e-signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Personal Reference

## DPO Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant on the following attributes.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	N/A
<b>Leadership Skills</b>						
<b>Compassion</b>						
<b>Academic Potential</b>						
<b>Motivation to Teach</b>						
<b>Communication Skills</b>						
<b>Ability to work with others</b>						
<b>Flexibility</b>						

Please provide a paragraph addressing the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, and potential for a successful career in teaching. Would they add diversity? Are they patient? Etc.

Signature or e-signature of reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail completed references to [dposcholarship@gmail.com](mailto:dposcholarship@gmail.com) by 7 PM on March 9, 2020.*