

# JUDITH A. INGRAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DEADLINE MARCH 1

Judith Anne Ingram spent a long career in elementary education, first in Virginia, then in the Titusville (PA) School District and for many years in the Mechanicsburg Area School District. She served as principal at several schools in the MASD, with her longest tenure at Northside Elementary School. She received a Bachelor's Degree with honors from Slippery Rock University, and Master's Degrees from the University of Virginia and Slippery Rock. During her life, Judy was passionate about elementary education. She mentored several students seeking careers in elementary education. She received several prominent awards from her peers. She passed away in 2014.

This award seeks to honor and keep alive Judy's legacy in the field of elementary education.

### **ELIGIBILTY CRITERIA**

- 1. Graduating senior from the Mechanicsburg Area, Camp Hill, Cumberland Valley or West Shore School Districts.
- 2. Plans to attend college and major in elementary education
- 3. Academic achievement, including a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- 4. Financial need

## **HOW TO APPLY**

The application process is online. <u>Click here</u> to access the online application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please click here.

## Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

- 1. Other Scholarship Information: <u>Click here</u> to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
- 2. Student Resume: <u>Click here</u> to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
- 3. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
- 4. Personal Essay: Describe why you are planning a career in elementary education. 500 words maximum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

The following requirements must be emailed to  $\underline{scholarshipapplications@tfec.org}$  by your school's counseling office  $\overset{\bullet}{:}$ :

- 1. Official Transcript.
- 2. School Counselor Form. Click here to download the form.

## The Recommenders Tab in the online application is used to request others attach the following item for you:

1. One (1) Personal Reference Letter. The letter should be from someone who can speak on behalf of your commitment to studying elementary education. Letters from family members will not be accepted. All reference letters must remain confidential.

When prompted to "Notify Selected Recommenders," type a brief message that can be sent to your recommender. When sent, your message will include a link for your recommender to use to upload their letter of reference. The application portal automatically generates this link; you will not provide it. Please inform your recommenders that they can expect an emailed request to come from mail@grantapplication.com.

\*Current college students are not required to submit a School Counselor Form. Your college or university Official Transcript should be sent by mail or email directly from your college or university.

Subject: Letter of Reference Needed for Scholarship Application — YOUR NAME

Message: I am applying for the Judith A. Ingram Memorial Scholarship Fund through The Foundation for Enhancing

Communities. Please use the link below to upload your letter of reference for me. Thank you!

\*\*YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED (DOCUMENTS YOU PREPARED AND ALL REQUIRED LETTERS OF REFERENCE). YOU MUST LOG BACK IN TO YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE PASSES IN ORDER TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION. \*\*

#### **RENEWABILITY**

This scholarship is a one-time only award; however, college students who received the award as a graduating high school senior, may re-apply each consecutive year for consideration by completing the *full* application process.

The application process is online. <u>Click here</u> to access the online application. *If you are signing back in to complete your application, please <u>click here</u>.* 

Your Official Transcript must be mailed or sent as a certified PDF emailed directly from your university. It is your responsibility to ensure that your transcript is received by the deadline. The transcript must be received by the deadline, not postmarked.

OR

### Mail Official Transcript to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Judith A. Ingram Memorial Scholarship Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator 200 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor PO Box 678 Harrisburg, PA 17108-0678

## **Email Official Transcript to:**

<u>Felmes@tfec.org</u>
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

### MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

AES/PHEAA'S PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA'S PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match. The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at www.pheaa.org.