# Howard County Retired School Personnel Association (also known as HEART) Scholarship Application

**Qualifications of Applications**
The Howard County Retired School Personnel Association (HEART) will award $1,500.00 scholarships to at least two (2) qualified applicants to be used for educational expenses during the next school year.

To qualify, an applicant must:

- Be a graduate of a Howard County public high school currently enrolled in college, or a Howard County high school senior scheduled to graduate at the end of the current school year.
- Be planning to work in the field of education.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have been involved in **significant** community activities or school extracurricular activities (other than, or in addition to, interscholastic athletics).
- Submit two letters of recommendation: one from a school employee in a school the applicant currently attends (college or high school), and one from an individual outside of school who is NOT a relative.
- Complete the application form below, including the required essay.

Demonstration of financial need will strengthen an application.

**Procedures for Applying**
Submit a correctly completed application form, a copy of the current high school or college transcript, two (2) letters of recommendation (as describe above), and the required essay.

Application form must be submitted by April 1, 2027. No late applications will be accepted.

**This application form is for students who are planning to enter or have entered the education profession. Please review the QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS section above to inform yourself of the requirements for applying. Note that there are eight (8) parts to the application and ALL must be completed.**

The complete application process will be done online. No paper applications will be accepted. The online application link will be made available middle of January and posted to the HEART website at www.howardrspa.org/scholarship.