

January 8, 2010

To: All GISD Administrators

From: LeeAnn Claunch, GESSA Scholarship Chairperson

Re: GESSA Paraprofessional/Support Staff Scholarships

Attached is the application for paraprofessional support staff scholarships being offered by the Garland Educational Support Services Association. Please note that these scholarships are *not* available for Garland ISD students.

In the past years, GESSA has offered scholarships to paraprofessionals to assist them in furthering their education, which ultimately benefits the students of Garland ISD. I am happy to inform you that we will again be awarding six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$350.00 each.

In addition to our efforts in aiding these employees financially, we need your help in publicizing these scholarship opportunities. We are asking that you make announcements to your faculty and place the attached applications in an accessible location: lounge, bulletin boards, newsletters, or weekly staff notes.

Please encourage your eligible staff members to take advantage of this opportunity. In addition to the address listed on the application, applications may also be sent through inter-school mail to:

Herfurth Elementary  
Attention: LeeAnn Claunch  
Box 216

If you have any questions, please email me at [laclaunc@garlandisd.net](mailto:laclaunc@garlandisd.net)

## **Garland Educational Support Services Association 2010 Scholarship Awards**

**Mail application to:** LeeAnn Claunch, GESSA Scholarship Chairman  
Herfurth Elementary  
7500 Miller Road  
Rowlett, TX 75088

**or** interschool mail: Box 216

**Deadline:** Postmarked by March 1, 2010  
**or** delivered by March 5, 2010

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicants must be a paraprofessional or support staff member with at least three (3) years of service with Garland ISD.
- Applicant must be a member of GESSA in good standing.
- Applicant must plan to take at least six (6) hours of study or 30 paid TESA CEOP Certification (STEM) training hours.
- Application, essay, and accompanying letters of recommendation must be postmarked by March 1, 2010 or delivered to scholarship chairman by March 5, 2010.
- All STEM training hours financed by district funds cannot be submitted for reimbursement.
- This application must be accompanied by a short essay, not to exceed one page, explaining why you feel that a scholarship from GESSA will improve or benefit you and how your studies will ultimately benefit the youth of Garland ISD.
- This application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an administrator or immediate supervisor **and** one from a paraprofessional or support staff employee with whom you are currently working.

Selections will be made by the GESSA Scholarship Committee. Presentation of scholarships will be made at the regularly scheduled Garland ISD School Board Meeting to be held in May.

## Garland Educational Support Services Association 2010 Scholarship Application

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of school/department
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of principal/supervisor
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Present job title
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Years of service with GISD
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree or certification working towards
8. \_\_\_\_\_  
College you plan to attend
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
Classes you will attend

Scholarship recipients will receive one half of their scholarship award upon presentation of a registration receipt to the GESSA Scholarship Treasurer. The remainder of the scholarship award will be provided upon verification of completion of coursework. **If coursework does not total the amount of the scholarship in a 16 month period, the remainder of the scholarship will revert back to the GESSA Scholarship Fund.**

### **Applicant Statement:**

I agree to the provisions of this application. I further signify that the information given on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Only applications that are postmarked by March 1, 2010 or hand delivered by March 5, 2010 will be considered**