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The Washington Teachers Union Is Offering Scholarships to Two Graduating DCPS Seniors

Washington, DC – The Washington Teachers Union (WTU) today announced that it is offering \$20,000 scholarships through the WTU Scholarship Fund (WTUSF) to two deserving DCPS seniors who plan to pursue careers in education. The WTUSF is committed to improving teaching in the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and supports the development of DCPS students interested in teaching in public schools.

Scholarships will be paid over four years in equal installments of \$2,500 per semester. Applicants are required to present three letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal or counselor, verification of acceptance from an accredited college or university with a State/DC certified teacher education program and a 500 word essay on “Why He or She Wants to Be a Teacher.” The deadline for all applications is March 31st.

“It is a great pleasure to be able to provide monetary assistance to deserving students who plan to pursue careers in education and would like to make a difference within the public school system,” stated WTU Scholarship Fund President Thornell Page. Past scholarship recipients have gone on to pursue teaching degrees at various universities including: Yale University, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of the District of Columbia.

The Washington Teachers Union Scholarship Fund was created over 35 years ago by past WTU President Bill Simmons and has awarded 74 scholarships worth an estimated \$1.5 million dollars to deserving DCPS students. “This is the only scholarship fund in the country that was established from fines levied because of a strike, and we are proud that the fund has continued to grow and is still able to assist graduating DCPS students,” stated Simmons.

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