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*Superintendent*

March 12, 2021

**Memorandum**

**TO:** High School Counselors

**FROM:** Dr. Walter Gonsoulin, Superintendent

**RE:** LEAD Scholarship

I am pleased to announce that the Jefferson County School District has formed a partnership with The University of North Alabama. A scholarship has been established to increase the number of students enrolled in the field of education. This is most exciting, considering the number of college students who choose to pursue a career in education and the national teacher shortage. I applaud UNA for their efforts in addressing teacher recruitment and retention in the State of Alabama.

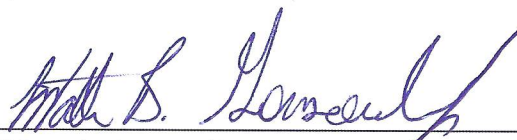
**One LEAD Scholarship of \$10,000 per year for a period of 4 years (totaling 40,000) will be awarded to one graduating senior from our school district.** The selected student must enroll at The University of North Alabama during the fall semester following high school graduation. In addition, the student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and enroll in a minimum of 27 credit hours per academic year to remain eligible for the scholarship. This scholarship is not stackable with any other university scholarship. The scholarship winner will be announced on **Friday, May 7, 2021.**

The scholarship application is attached. If you know a graduating senior interested in applying for this scholarship, please forward them the application. The completed application must be submitted to Mrs. Leslie Richards, Scholarship Committee Chair, no later than **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** If you have questions or need additional information, you may contact Mrs. Leslie Richards at [richards@jefcoed.com](mailto:richards@jefcoed.com).

Attachment

C: LEAD Scholarship Committee

**APPROVED:**

  
Walter B. Gonsoulin, Jr., Superintendent

## LEAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021

Please complete this form and submit with your essay, transcript and letters of recommendation.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth:    Month                      Day                      Year                      Gender:	
5.	Name and address of high school attending:	
6.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) <b>(Include address if different from your own listed in Question 2.)</b> Name(s) : Street: City: State: Zip: Phone of parents or legal guardians	
7.	What is your current GPA?	
8.	Please include three letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor and administrator.	

**9. On a separate sheet please provide a typed essay (250 - 500 words) answering the questions below:**

Write an essay describing two or more critical issues in education. Include how your academic and career goals will help you make a difference as an educator.

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Checklist

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ School Transcript

### **RETURN COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

**Leslie C. Richards  
Scholarship Committee, Chair  
Jefferson County Board of Education  
2100 18<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Birmingham, AL 35209**

### **REMINDER:**

**The deadline for receipt of this application is:  
May 3, 2021, 4:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!**