



CHRISTA MCAULIFFE SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

PURPOSE: The Lincoln Education Association Foundation (LEAF) is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$500 to honor the late Sharon Christa McAuliffe, the teacher astronaut on the Challenger Space Shuttle flight in January, 1986. The Christa McAuliffe Scholarship is an LEA member funded program open to all active LEA members (certificated or classified).

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP: The scholarship will be awarded to applicants who meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Study, research, or academic improvement to:
 - Improve an education employee's knowledge base in an area of expertise or acquire new expertise.
 - Increase skills and professional ability.
 - Enhance the ability of education employees to work with special education populations, including:
 - * Gifted and talented children
 - * English learners
 - * Children with disabilities
 - * Economically and educationally disadvantaged children, and
 - * Inclusion classrooms.
2. Development of special innovative programs.
3. Projects or partnerships that involve the business community and the schools.

ELIGIBILITY: In order to be eligible for designation as a Christa McAuliffe Scholarship applicant, a person must:

1. be an LEA member (certificated or classified),
2. not have been a Christa McAuliffe recipient the previous year,
3. meet all application requirements including a statement of intent, and
4. agree to provide proof of completion by submitting to LEAF a summary of accomplishments or activities stating how the scholarship was used. If a summary of accomplishments or activities is not submitted, the recipient must return the \$500 to the LEAF.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15

Applications may be obtained on the LEA website at
www.lincolneducationassociation.org
click on LEA Foundation

The completed application may be sent to:
LEAF Scholarship Committee, 4920 Normal Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506
or through School Mail, LEAF Scholarship Committee, LEA Office (no address or box # needed)
or e-mail to emily.sears@nsea.org