

*Buffalo Retired Teachers Association*  
*P. O. Box 1009, Williamsville, New York 14231-1009*

February 2017

Dear Buffalo Public Schools High School Senior,

The Buffalo Retired Teachers Association is looking to award three (3) non-recurring \$1500 scholarships to 2017 Buffalo Public Schools graduating seniors. Our objective is to endorse and assist your efforts in pursuing your post high school education. One of these scholarships is in honor of Josephine Slacer, a Buffalo Public School Teacher who was dedicated to the Buffalo community.

Eligible applicants are limited to graduating Buffalo Public High School seniors who will be entering an accredited post high school educational program. SAT scores, grades and an essay will be among the criteria used to determine the awardees. At least one of the scholarships will go to a high academic achiever. At least one scholarship may be awarded to a student who demonstrates qualities that include perseverance, community awareness, leadership and the desire to continue his/her education. The scholarship in honor of Josephine Slacer will be awarded to a highly motivated merit roll student who has demonstrated community service and awareness.

If you are selected, you will be awarded a one-time \$1500 scholarship. The award will be sent to you upon the confirmation of your enrollment in an accredited post high school program. This award can be used towards expenses related to your educational program such as the purchase of books, or payment of tuition or program fees

The qualifications, deadlines and procedures are outlined in the materials included in this application packet. All completed applications must be mailed and postmarked no later than April 15, 2017.

Mail your completed application packet to:

Buffalo Retired Teachers Association

Attention: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 1009

Williamsville, New York 14221-1009

Applications postmarked after **April 15, 2017** will not be eligible or considered for the scholarship process.

Good Luck and we look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Charles Peszynski, President BRTA

BRTA Scholarship Committee

**BUFFALO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**\$1500 SCHOLARSHIP**

**2017 SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION PACKET**

## INFORMATION CHECKLIST

### Instructions:

- ✓ Applications must be submitted on the approved Buffalo Retired Teachers Association Scholarship application form.
- ✓ Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2017. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ✓ Answer all questions and complete all blanks in ink.
- ✓ Use N/A (not applicable) where questions do not apply to you.
- ✓ The applicant is responsible for submitting the following:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application Form
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Essay
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts **Required** – Current official transcript must accompany this application and include class rank (if applicable) and SAT scores.
  4. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation as follows:
    - a) \_\_\_\_\_ One (1) letter from a classroom teacher who is familiar with the applicant's academic performance and school activities
    - b) \_\_\_\_\_ One (1) letter from a community member whose knowledge of the applicant comes from outside the school setting and who is familiar with the applicant's involvement in community activities. This could include a member of the clergy and should not be a family member.

\*\*\*Applicants are advised to carefully select those people who will complete the Letters of Recommendation. It is imperative that the Letters of Recommendation accurately communicate the applicant's qualities and achievements.\*\*\*

### Return completed forms to:

Buffalo Retired Teachers Association

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**DO NOT** submit photographs. Only submit completed application and documentation requested.

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Buffalo Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Application Form

**I. APPLICANT DATA: (print clearly)**

**Name:**

Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (mid.init)

**Permanent Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male or Female** **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Month/day/year circle one please (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent/Guardian:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent mailing Address (if different than applicant):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination if any scholarship granted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

**II. TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

To Be Completed by the appropriate school official. Must include an official High School transcript.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Official's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title Telephone Number

**III. School / Personal Activities: (To be Completed by Applicant)**

1. List **School** clubs, organizations or activities that you participated in (current and former)

Name

Description

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2. List **Community** clubs, organizations or activities in which you participated in (current and former)

Name

Description

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3. List and describe any achievements or awards you have received.

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**IV. ESSAY TOPIC**

**Directions:**

1. In 150 words, write an essay on the topic below.
2. Essay should be typed, double spaced in 12 point font.
3. The proper use of grammar and spelling are part of the evaluation of the application.

**Topic: WHY ARE YOU PURSUING A POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION  
AND HOW WILL IT HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS IN LIFE?**