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**The mission of the *Growing Our Own* Teachers in PWCS program is to identify, recruit, and mentor middle and high school students interested in the field of education, who after college will return to classrooms as teachers and leaders.**

The Northern Virginia Community College Education Foundation has partnered with Prince William County Schools *Growing Our Own* program to establish an annual scholarship award to be provided to two graduating high school seniors who intend to pursue studies to enter the teaching profession.

**Scholarship Award: \$2,500**

**Eligibility Criteria**

- The applicant must be a graduating senior attending a Prince William County Public High School who is planning to further his/her education by enrolling at Northern Virginia Community College for two years.
- The applicant must plan to transfer to a four-year college/university and enroll in a teacher preparation program to pursue teacher certification.
- The applicant must be at least one of the following:
  1. Member of Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers™ (TSTT)
  2. Student enrolled in the Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow (VTfT) course
  3. Active participant in the high school's Educators Rising® chapter
- The applicant must have maintained a minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA during his/her high school career and provide a high school transcript including first semester grades for his/her senior year.
- The applicant must respond to one essay question and answer three short answer questions about his/her commitment to education and teaching. (Part II and V of the application)
- The applicant must demonstrate leadership and commitment to the school and community through involvement in school and community activities. The applicant may include information about work experience (Parts III, IV, and V of the application).
- The applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from an educator.
- Signed letter of agreement stating that the applicant plans to complete courses transferable to a teacher education program at a 4-year college or university.

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**Deadline for applications**

**Applications must be typewritten and received no later April 23, 2018.** Late applications will not be accepted, and applications cannot be faxed or emailed. Completed applications may be mailed or hand delivered to the Kelly Leadership Center.

**Application submission info:**

**Mail:**

Kelly Leadership Center  
Human Resources Department  
C/O Kelli Stenhouse,  
Growing Our Own, Program Coordinator  
P.O. Box 389  
Manassas, VA 20108

**Hand Delivery:**

Kelly Leadership Center  
Human Resources Department  
C/O Kelli Stenhouse,  
Growing Our Own, Program Coordinator  
14715 Bristow Road  
Manassas, VA 20112

If you are awarded this scholarship, it will be applied to your NVCC student account prior to registration. **A copy of your acceptance letter including your NVCC student identification number must be provided to the Growing Our Own program coordinator no later than June 22, 2018 so payment arrangements can be made.** Please make certain all of the information included with this application is correct so representatives can reach you and your parents if necessary.

***Note: The Growing Our Own Advisory Council will select and announce the recipient no later than May 8, 2018. The recipient will be notified by telephone. You will also be asked to attend the Growing Our Own Recognition Ceremony with your parent(s) at Forest Park High School, May 17, 2018, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The scholarship award shall be based on merit and qualifications and shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.***

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**Part I - Student Information Sheet** (*Please Type*)

<b>Student Name</b>	
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>
<i>Middle</i>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, Zip Code</b>	
<b>High School</b>	<b>PWCS Student Identification Number</b>
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Student Home Phone</b>
<b>Student Cell Phone</b>	<b>Student Email</b>
<b>Mother's Name</b>	
<b>Mother's Phone</b>	<b>Mother's Email</b>
<b>Father's Name</b>	
<b>Father's Phone</b>	<b>Father's Email</b>
<i>*Please asterisk the preferred phone number(s) and email address (es) for either or both of your parents.</i>	

<b>School Counselor Section</b>	
Student Cumulative High School GPA	Student Rank in Graduation Class
School Counselor Name	
School Counselor Signature	Date

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**Part II - Essay Question**

In your own words, please provide a written response of 500 words or less to the following quote. Please type on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your scholarship application. Include your first and last name at the top of your response.

**“Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.” ~Helen Caldicott**

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**Part III - School Activities and Awards** *(Please type)*

*(Activities and awards with a focus on the subject(s) you are interested in teaching or on education will receive additional consideration. For example, if you are interested in teaching history, or art, or physical education, then activities and awards related to the subject you are interested in teaching would be important. If you are interested in teaching young children, activities and awards related to work with young children would be important.)*

Please list **three of the most significant activities and organizations** in which you have been involved at your high school. Please identify any clubs or organizations that are associated with these activities and your grade level(s) at the time of your involvement. Please explain any acronyms that you use. If you need more space, you may attach a second sheet, but please limit the number of activities and/or organizations to the three most important.

Activity and/or Organization	Position(s) Held	Time Involved	Grade
<i>Examples:</i> Debate Team	Team Member Grades 9, 10, 11 Team Captain Grade 12	15 hours/week winter/ spring	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
L.E.A.D. Team (Students Learning Essential Assets of Development)	Team Member	2 hours /week school year	Grades, 11, 12
1.			
2.			
3.			

Please list **three of the most significant honors/recognitions/awards** you have received through your school related activities and organizations during your high school years. Specify the award and indicate both the sponsoring organization and the level of competition.

Honors/Recognitions/Awards	Sponsoring Organization Level of Competition: Local, Regional, State, National, International	Year
<i>Examples:</i> Academic or Arts or Athletics Awards Summer Residential Governor's School Candidate for AP, IB, AICE Awards or Diploma	Regional or Virginia or National Virginia National or International	2013-14 2013 2014
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**Part IV - Community Activities and Awards** *(Please type)*

*(Activities and awards with a focus on the subject(s) you are interested in teaching or on education will receive additional consideration. For example, if you are interested in teaching history, or art, or physical education, then activities and awards related to the subject you are interested in teaching would be important. If you are interested in teaching young children, activities and awards related to work with young children would be important.)*

Please list **three of the most significant volunteer activities and organizations** in which you have been involved in your community. Please identify any organizations that are associated with these activities and your grade level(s) at the time of your involvement. Please explain any acronyms that you use. If you need more space, you may attach a second sheet, but please limit the number of activities and/or organizations to the three most important.

Activity and/or Organization	Position(s) Held	Time Involved	Grade
<i>Examples:</i> Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts	Member Patrol Leader	2 hours/week school year	Grades 9, 10 Grades 11, 12
Math Tutor - Church	Tutor	2hours/week	Grades 9-12
1.			
2.			
3.			

Please list the **three to five most significant honors/recognitions/awards** you have received through your community related activities and organizations during your high school years. Specify the award and indicate both the sponsoring organization and the level of competition.

Honors/Recognitions/Awards	Sponsoring Organization Level of Competition: Local, Regional, State, National , International	Year
<i>Examples:</i> First Chair - Viola	Youth Orchestra Prince William - Local	2014
Youth Salute - School Representative	National Council on Youth Leadership - Local	2013
M.L. King Oratorical Contest - School Representative	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Local	2012
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**Part V-Application Questions**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Plans**

Why are you choosing to attend Northern Virginia Community College?

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**2. Career Goals**

What will be your specific field of study and why did you select it? (What grade(s) and/or content areas do you want to teach?)

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**3. Leadership**

Discuss your opinion of the characteristics of a good leader and tell how your involvement with TSTT, Educators Rising, and/or VTfT has contributed in your growth as a leader.

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**Part VI – Educator Recommendation**

**Please give the final two pages of this application to the teacher, counselor, or administrator you choose. Ask that the recommendation be returned to you in a sealed envelope.**



## Scholarship Recommendation Form

**Student Name**

*This student is applying for the 2018 Northern Virginia Community College PWCS Growing Our Own Teachers scholarship. This scholarship is intended to recognize and reward motivated students who plan to pursue a career in education.*

1. Please complete Part A of the recommendation form.
2. You may complete Part B on the form provided, or you may attach a separate letter of recommendation.

*Your comments are critical to the Scholarship Committee. Please return the completed recommendation, including Part A and Part B, in a sealed envelope to the applicant for submission with the scholarship application packet.*

**Please return your recommendation to the student no later than April 16, 2018.** Upon request, the student may review your recommendation. The Scholarship Committee appreciates your evaluation of this scholarship applicant's strengths.

### Part A:

Characteristic	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Rating
<b>Creativity: flexibility; adaptability</b>					
<b>Emotional Maturity: ability to work with and for others; positive reaction to set-backs</b>					
<b>Initiative: motivated; willing to be self-starting</b>					
<b>Sense of Humor: appropriate responses to difficult situations</b>					
<b>Responsibility: accepting and sharing credit and fault</b>					
<b>Communication skills: verbal; writing; technology skills</b>					
<b>Reliability: capacity to work independently; dependability in completing assignments</b>					
<b>Resourcefulness: aptitude for solving problems</b>					
<b>Commitment: dedicated to pursuing a teaching career</b>					

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**Scholarship Recommendation Form**

**Student Name**

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**Part B:**

*You may attach a separate letter of recommendation rather than completing the questions on this sheet.*

**Describe the student's strengths and talents. Please include specific examples.**

**What would you say are the applicant's areas for growth?**

**Provide any other comments about the applicant that would help the committee reach its decision.**

<b>Educator's Name</b>		
<b>Position</b>		
<b>School or Work Location</b>		
<b>Phone/EXT</b>	<b>Email</b>	
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

By signing this agreement, the Student acknowledges the offer of a scholarship from Northern Virginia Community College for the 2018-2019 Academic year. The Student understands and agrees that these funds are to be used for educational related expenses at NVCC.

By signing and accepting the award shown on the award letter, the Student agrees to abide by the following requirements:

1. Attend all classes enrolled at all times barring verifiable hardships.
2. Continue to be enrolled in at minimum 12 credit hours each semester.
3. Complete Associate of Science degree and curriculum requirements that prepare for transfer to a 4-year college or university teacher preparation program.
4. Plan to seek endorsement and licensure for teaching in PK-3, PK-6, middle school, high school or special education.
5. Complete Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters with a minimum 2.8 GPA.
6. At least once a semester meet with NVCC Coordinator of Student Success to discuss progress.
7. Complete transcript release form and at the end of each semester have a copy of transcripts sent to PWCS *Growing Our Own* program coordinator.
8. Withdrawal or dismissal from NVCC (whether voluntarily or administratively) will require full repayment of the scholarship(s) received.
9. Maintain current satisfactory academic progress (see the NVCC catalog for a complete description of these requirements).
10. Attend and participate in at least one Prince William County Schools' sponsored *Growing Our Own* Teachers event (i.e. Career Development Workshop, Student Leadership Conference, or Preparing Our Future Teachers Conference).
11. Scholarships are not finalized until the Student signs and return this contract within 10 days of the date of the Award Letter.

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:**

ACCEPT

DECLINE

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

"Dependent" students require a parent's signature

**PARENT SIGNATURE** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_