

Marilyn Russel Bittle
REACTA Board Member
141 Syracuse Walk Long Beach, CA 90803

January 31, 2021

Dear REACTA Scholarship Applicant,

As the REACTA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, I am delighted that you have an interest in our Scholarship opportunity. To assist you in being qualified for this award, I offer the following suggestions and guidelines.

1. Make sure that your application is neat, grammatically correct, accurate, and that it reflects who you are and aspire to be.
2. Applications that do not contain each of the required sections, will not be considered. Example: If you send in one Letter of Recommendation and **not two**, your application will not be judged because it was incomplete.
3. Spend time on this application. It should reflect effort and thoughtfulness.
4. Request Transcripts and Letters of Recommendations in plenty of time. It is your responsibility to make sure everything is in your packet.
5. The deadline is hard and fast. All application packets **MUST** be postmarked on or before April 15, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.

Best of luck to you, and thanks again for your interest.

Marilyn Bittle

REACTA Board Member

REACTA 2021 Scholarship Fund Application Packet

REACTA, the Retired Employees Association of the California Teachers Association is an organization that works with CTA Employee Unions and CTA Management to advance, protect and enhance the pension and health care benefits of all employees who retire from the California Teachers Association. We are awarding up to two (2) scholarships in the amount of **\$2000** each, to students currently attending or registered to attend an accredited, degree granting institution or college.

APPLICANT MUST BE A CHILD, GRANDCHILD, GREAT-GRANDCHILD, NIECE OR NEPHEW OF AN ACTIVE REACTA MEMBER.

APPLICANT SHALL BE RATED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. Personal Data Form: 10 Pts.
2. Essay on ***Thomas Jefferson Quote***: 5 Pts.
3. Transcripts: Academic Performance: 10 Pts.
4. Letter of Recommendation #1: 5 Pts.
5. Letter of Recommendation #2: 5 Pts.
6. Leadership in School/Community: 10 Pts.
7. Application Presentation: 5 Pts.
8. Signed, Dated, Release Certification Release.

Applicant must receive a minimum of 35 Points to be considered for Scholarship.

RECOMMENDATIONS: From school, work supervisors, or other individuals who are well acquainted with the applicant and can attest to the applicant's potential for intellectual and personal growth, motivation to succeed and leadership ability. Family members are not allowed to write letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE for the scholarship application is April 15, 2021. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. Copies of this application may be obtained by email, on request, from Marilyn Bittle at or on the REACTA website, www.reacta.org. You will be notified by mail, email, and/or phone in April 15, 2021, regarding the status of your application. If you have any questions about the application, email mmrbret2002@aol.com or call (562)-434-7113.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to students upon evidence of registration in an accredited college for the 2021 Fall Semester or Quarter.

Mail application to **Marilyn Russel Bittle**, 141 Syracuse Walk, Long Beach CA 90803

REACTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Packet Checklist

Name (print): _____

Date: _____

**Applications must be postmarked by Thursday April 15, 2021.
Completed applications should be sent to:**

Marilyn Russel Bittle
141 Syracuse Walk Long Beach, CA 90803

1. _____ Personal Data Form, page 3 and 4
2. _____ Essay: *Thomas Jefferson Quote*, page 5
3. _____ Transcripts: Submit copies for your most recent academic experience. Photocopies accepted
4. _____ Recommendation Letter #1, page 6
5. _____ Recommendation Letter #2, page 7
6. _____ A signed and dated Scholarship Information Release/Certification Form, page 8

If you have questions, please email Marilyn Russel Bittle at:

mmrbret2002@aol.com or call (562)-434-7113

Note: You may attach pages to the application. Please refer to the Topic or Question at the top of each attached page.

REACTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Data Form

Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(month) (day) (year)

E-mail address: _____

High school, vocational, and college level institutions attended:

Name of school	City, State	From – To	Did you graduate?
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If you have chosen your area of study, describe it. Also, please state your professional and educational goals.

Attach an additional piece of paper if required to complete answers

REACTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name

(print): _____

1. Essay: Well over 200 years ago, Thomas Jefferson said, “Where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe.”
2. Do you believe this quote is still relevant? Why? Why not?
3. How would you re-write this quote so it is relevant? What do you think is the essence and value of his quote?

Please attach your typed written pages.

Letter of Recommendation #1

(Attach additional pages if needed)

Scholarship Applicant's Name(print): _____

The above-named person is applying to the Retired Employees Association of the California Teachers Association for a scholarship to further her/his education. Provide the following information as objectively and accurately as possible. The Scholarship Application Committee will keep this information confidential.

Thank you for helping the applicant and REACTA. If you have any questions, you may call Marilyn Bittle at (562)-434-7113. You may email this form to Marilyn Bittle at mmrbret2002@aol.com RECOMMENDATION must be mailed no later than April 15, 2021 to Marilyn Bittle at 141 Syracuse Walk, Long Beach CA 90803

RECOMMENDATION MUST NOT BE SHARED WITH THE APPLICANT. IT MUST BE MAILED DIRECTLY BY THE PERSON WRITING THE RECOMMENDATION.

Rate this applicant's motivation to succeed, with 10 being best: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How long have you known this applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known this applicant? _____

What is your opinion of this applicant's potential for intellectual and personal growth? _____

If there is any further information you would like to add, please include below: _____

Reference's Name (Print) _____

Title: Institution/Organization _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ . Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Letter of Recommendation #2

(Attach additional pages if needed)

Scholarship Applicant's Name(print): _____

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ . Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Scholarship Information Release/Certification

I (applicant) certify that all of the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete, and accurate. This information may be reviewed by the REACTA Scholarship Application Committee for the purpose of identifying and assessing me as a potential scholarship recipient.

Name (print) _____

REACTA Member Sponsor: _____

Relationship to REACTA Member: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: institution/Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: _____ Date: _____