

**SOUTHEASTERN STATES PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE**

**2015**

**BUSTER BYNUM EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESPTC), comprised of fourteen member states including Louisiana has announced the 2015 Buster Bynum Education Scholarship. Named in honor of R. A. “Buster” Bynum, retired Director of the Virginia Department of Education’s pupil transportation office and former SESPTC treasurer, this one-time $2,500 education scholarship is made available to one deserving public school student in each of the fourteen-member southeastern states.

**SESPTC Award Guidelines**

1. The parent/guardian listed on application had a Gross Taxable Family Income equal to or less than $75,000 for each of the “Past Three Tax Years.” (For the purpose of this scholarship award, the “Past Three Tax Years” is defined as the 2012, 2013 and 2014 tax years.)
2. The parent/guardian listed on application has been an active employee in public school transportation during the “Past Three Years.” This includes school bus drivers, aides, monitors, mechanics, parts clerks, foremen, managers, trainers, supervisors, directors, and inspectors that work in public education. (For the purpose of this scholarship award, the “Past Three Years” work history requirement is defined as the period since January 1,2012.)
3. The student applicant has at least a 3.0 (B) scholastic average, will graduate from a public high school, and will attend a post-secondary educational institution starting in 2015.

**The SESPTC Scholarship Application must include the following letters of reference:**

1. A letter from the parent/guardian’s most recent employer verifying employment in public school transportation since **January 1, 2012**, and documenting financial need; (Gross Taxable Family Income equal to or less than $75,000 for each of the “Past Three Tax Years”.
2. A letter from the student’s high school guidance counselor or other authorized high school official verifying the student’s grade point average, anticipated graduation from high school, and planned attendance at a post-secondary educational institution in the fall of 2015.
3. A letter of support from a teacher or adult family acquaintance of the student stating why the award should be made to this student.

**Award Process**

The scholarship award will be made to the post-secondary school the student attends prior to **August 1, 2015**. The scholarship cannot be awarded to any family member serving on the district’s selection committee.

**2015 APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

**Section I Applicant Personal Information**

1. Each state recipient of the $2,500 scholarship must be a high school senior from a SESPTC member state that has a parent or guardian employed in the public school pupil transportation field for at least the past three years. (Since **January 1, 2012**.)
2. Selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

**Scholarship -** The student shall have a cumulative grade point average (grades 9 – 11) of 3.0 (B) minimum, as verified by official high school academic records.

**Leadership -** The student shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and abilities in co-curricular activities and community service activities.

**Citizenship -** The student shall have demonstrated exemplary citizenship qualities that include not only maturity, loyalty, responsibility, integrity, and trustworthiness; but also a concern for the

well-being of all citizens.

**Service -** The student shall have rendered unselfish service and assistance to others, to the school, and to the community.

**Essay -** The student shall have explained in a **typed** essay of not more than 500 words why he/she applied for the scholarship and how the scholarship will be used.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND PLANS FOR AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP**

1. In the second semester of their senior year, students who meet the general criteria will complete an application in which information supporting excellence in the five areas above will be noted. The application must be typed and contain all information requested. **(only original completed application and required documentation will be considered; Applications** are available from each local transportation office and i**ncomplete applications will not be considered.** **Completed applications should be submitted to the *local* Supervisor/Director of Transportation.**
2. There shall be a minimum of a three-member State Selection Committee appointed by the district director of pupil transportation services, and this committee may include: a school district transportation director, supervisor, administrative assistant, a high school counselor, SDE personnel, school principal, school bus maintenance shop foreman or shop supervisor.
3. Each committee member will have one vote. By majority vote, the committee will have total authority to select the state scholarship winner based on the above qualifications and any additional factors the committee deems appropriate.
4. Only **one** application from each school system or district will be judged at the state level. Applications shall not be submitted directly to the state selection committee by student applicants.
5. Each applicant shall be required to submit a type-written essay of not more than 500 words which explains why the student has applied and how the student would use the scholarship if selected. The essay must be submitted at the time of application. Applicants are encouraged to proofread their essays for spelling, grammar, and syntax.
6. The completed application and required documentation must be received on or before **April 30, 2015.** Only **one** application from each school system or district will be judged at the state level. The Louisiana Department of Education Scholarship Selection Committee will select the state’s final applicants.
7. The finalist will be notified by the Louisiana Director of School Transportation no later than **May 31, 2015.**

**Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference**

**Buster Bynum Education Scholarship**

**Application**

**(Application must be typed)**

**SECTION I APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*The parent/guardian on behalf of his or her child must submit the application.*

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Must have been a school transportation employee since* **January 1, 2012***.)*

Parent/Guardian’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Street City State Zip

Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of School from which the student will graduate in 2014: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

 Street City State Zip

Name of the Organization Employing the Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Employer Organization’s Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Employer’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Street City State Zip

Employer Contact Person’s Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II EDUCATIONAL DATA** (Use N/A if field is not applicable)

School now attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 CEEB/SAT/ACT Test \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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College(s) /Vocational /Technical school(s) to which you seek admission.

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Have you been accepted at any of the above schools? If so, which one(s):

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**SECTION III ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

1. List all co-curricular activities in which you have participated, including honors and awards.

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2. List athletics in which you have participated.

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3. List community service activities or projects in which you have participated.

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4. Why do you desire to continue your education?

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 (If additional space is needed for the above items, please attach a separate sheet.)

**SECTION IV WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. List any part-time or full-time work experience(s).

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2. List any special interests or hobbies.

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**SECTION V ESSAY**

Please describe in a **typed** essay, **500 words or less**, why you have applied for the scholarship and how you would use the scholarship. (You must submit the essay as an attachment to your application.)

**Please check the application for completeness before signing below. Applications must be post marked no later than April 30, 2015.**

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 Date of Application Signature of Applicant

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Signature of High School Principal Signature of Parent/Guardian

**\*\*FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY\*\***

*The Local Scholarship Selection Committee will use this section in order to certify the selected local applicant to the state selection committee.*

**LOCAL APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

**TO STATE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Local Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 (Local Director of Transportation)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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THE LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL SELECT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MAIL TO:

Shirley Williams, Scholarship Committee Chairman

Louisiana Department of Education

Division of Healthy Communities | School Bus Transportation Program

1201 North Third Street

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Contact Information:

Phone: 225.342.3515 | Email: Shirley.williams@la.gov