**Nominations for the Theodore Smith Scholarship Now Open**

Theodore Smith devoted his life to education as a teacher and administrator with more than 50 years of service. This award allows Special Education teachers or Special Education paraprofessionals to continue the pursuit of excellence with two scholarships of $1000 each. In addition to the $1000 for higher education, paraprofessionals who are not CEC members will receive a one year free CEC membership.

**Qualifications:**

* Teachers must be a current G-CASE and CEC member, Paraprofessionals are exempt from this requirement.
* Must be pursuing a higher degree in special education, a bachelor’s degree in special education (paraprofessionals) or added certification to meet the standards for highly qualified in special education.
* Must be currently employed in a special education teaching position or as a special education paraprofessional with one or more years of experience and have a desire to remain in the profession of education of students with special needs.

**Requirements:**

* Recipients will provide documentation of how the scholarship will be dispensed.

**Application:**

* Complete application form
* Must include one letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator that can address your team spirit and teaching skills
* The letter must include an endorsement by a current G-CASE member
* Documentation of acceptance into a degree program within the state of Georgia
* Copy of most recent transcript or grade report
* Completed application must be postmarked by February 29, 2016
* Awards will be made the week of March 14th
* If you use Google forms to send in your application please make sure you send in all other required documentation as well

The application, letter of recommendation and school documentation may be submitted by

**Google forms:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Pkm0mGyOz1PhjRlO0qmbmjUUVrLWIuVRqfCpTMCAK4k/viewform?usp=send_form>

**email, regular mail or fax to:**

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**Theodore Smith Scholarship Application for 2015-2016**

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

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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CEC Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years of SPED Experience: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Answer the statements below. (Use additional space if needed.)

Please list the information related to professional development, teaching, and additional examples reflective of your history with implementing the special education learning process.

I would like this scholarship because:

Please list your contributions to the improved services for students with special needs within the last school year (committee work, workshops, conferences, etc.):

I have \_\_\_\_\_ have not \_\_\_\_\_ received this scholarship before.

Thank you for applying and for all you do for students with disabilities.

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