

TO: Literacy Councils, Education and Adult Program Providers, Community Colleges, Vocational and Trade Schools, High Schools with Literacy-based Community Service Projects for College-Bound Needy Students

CC: Virginia Literacy Foundation Office, VA Commonwealth University

FROM: Altrusa International of the Capital City of Virginia Foundation

(A Charitable 501(c) 3 Organization)

DATE: December 1, 2022

Altrusa International of the Capital City of Virginia is pleased to announce the continuation of the statewide annual Ida J. Hill Scholarship. The three selection categories and scholarships are as follows:

Selection1: \$1,000.00 (made payable to a winner and/or sponsor).

Selection 2: \$1,000.00 (made payable to a winner and/or sponsor).

Selection 3: \$1,000.00 (made payable to a student who has excelled

in community service relating to literacy).

PURPOSE AND REQUIREMENTS:

The purpose is to provide scholarships to two or three qualifying men or women re-entering the workforce or advancing their education or employment skills. The nominating council or adult education program sponsor will be expected to observe progress throughout the year. The only requirements for participation are the submission of a nomination letter from the responsible agency or organization and the submission of a letter/statement from the potential recipient indicating interest, current education status and career goals, training facility name, and a statement of need.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2023 (See criteria attached)

AWARD MEETING DATE: March, 2023 (Day not determined)

LOCATION: Altrusa Business Meeting, Richmond, VA

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The recipients' council or adult education office will also receive recognition. Due to the pandemic, specific information about the program and how winners will be recognized cannot be given at this time. Winners will, however, receive program information before the awards program is scheduled.

Questions: Please direct all questions to Joanne Cash, Awards Committee Chair, at (804) 378-7000

CRITERIA FOR THE 2022 IDA J. HILL SCHOLARSHIP

- A. Applicant information for the scholarship should include:
 - Name and address of applicant.
 - Statement of need, level of training, employment or training objectives.
 - Be less than 100 words.
 - Be typewritten or have legible handwriting.
 - Include a training facility, community or organization name.
- B. Applicant must be recommended by a literacy council, educational /training agency or institution, vocational and trade high school, community college, and high school with literacybased community service projects for college-bound needy students.
- C. Local recommending educator/trainer/tutor must send an accompanying letter of recommendation for each applicant.
- D. Special credit will be given to applicant who needs financial assistance to advance employment skills, continue basic education, or receive required tools to further literacy training.
- E. Award recipients will be selected by the Altrusa Scholarship Committee. Award application deadline is **March 1, 2023.**
- F. Award announcements are expected to be made at the March Altrusa Business Meeting. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, some changes may be necessary.

APPLICATION AND LETTER:

Mail to:

Joanne Cash

Scholarship Program Chair

579 Southlake Blvd.

Richmond, Virginia 23236



THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Altrusa International Inc. of the Capital City of Virginia established the lda J. Hill Scholarship Program at its charter meeting October, 1993. The scholarships recognize the literacy accomplishments of Dr. Hill in education, reading and other language arts; and specifically note her work in teaching basic skills to adult illiterates.

Dr. Hill is a Virginia certified reading specialist. Her accomplishments include teaching reading courses to graduate students at two institutions of higher education, directing a university reading clinic, serving as a reading demonstration teacher, and TV teacher of language arts and teacher training. She served as volunteer director of the adult literacy program at the READ Center in Richmond and president of the board for 3 years. Additionally, she served on the Virginia Literacy Board under the direction of Jeannie Baillis and she currently serves as a member of the Club's Literacy Committee.

She continues to be dedicated to the education of all people, and is especially committed to the improvement of the quality of life for adult illiterates and at-risk populations. A notable service in this area was as co-chair for a life skills program at a correctional facility for women

Her awards in this area include a literacy award from the International Reading Association and the Richmond Area Reading Council. She also received an award for TV teaching excellence in the language arts from the Ohio State University's American Exhibition of Educational Radio/TV Programs.

Dr. Hill recently completed a six -year term on the Altrusa International Foundation Board. She served as chair for 2 years.

As an Altrusa member, Ida would like for the scholarships to be used as an incentive to assist those in need of literacy training and financial assistance in order to become productive and literate citizens in their communities.