

The goal of this Scholarship Fund is to assist and provide support for Learning Forward Maryland (LFMD) members working towards an advanced degree and/or program that emphasizes leadership in the area of professional learning and development. One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded. The award funds must be used at an institution of higher education or a not-for-profit organization that offers certificate programs. Only fully completed application packets will be reviewed.

The Application Packet Requirements:

1. **The Application Form** - fully completed.
 - a. **Contact Information**
 - b. **Essay – Part I** - Please submit an essay of 500 words of your professional goals and share why you are seeking to expand your knowledge and skill set relative to professional learning. **Part II** – In no more than 250 words, please indicate how your work aligns with the [Learning Forward’s Professional Learning Standards](#).
2. **Resume** – Include in your resume all colleges/universities attended, degree(s) awarded, area(s) of certification, educational work experiences, and additional information relative to work experiences and work responsibilities. Resumes should be limited to two pages.
3. **One example/artifact** of your work and leadership (i.e., video, PowerPoint presentation(s), article) in a school-based or system-wide professional learning program.

Definitions

Professional Learning refers, to a model where learning is interlaced with work and is used to achieve continual improvement. To this end, professional learning focuses on key outcome areas for students and for the workplace and on building the capacity of individual employees to achieve these outcomes. Successful professional learning is that which is:

- embedded in daily practice
- needs based and linked to student/client learning needs
- tailored to meet the specific circumstances or contexts of participants
- sustained over a period of time

Professional development means a comprehensive, sustained, and intensive approach to improving teachers’ and principals’ effectiveness in raising student achievement.

4. **Two Letters of Reference** – Please have two **immediate** supervisory persons who are familiar with your work (within the last two years), submit letters of reference directly to LFMD at the address listed below:

LFMD
1563 Eton Way
Crofton, MD 21114

Submit your completed packet via email to learningforwardmaryland@gmail.com. Please title the subject line **2016 LFMD Scholarship Award – LastNameFirstName**.



**Professional Learning Scholarship Program
Application Form 2016**

MARYLAND

Completed Submissions must be received by **midnight, Friday, May 20, 2016.**

Application Form

a. Contact Information

Name of Applicant:

Date:

Address:

Email address:

Phone Contact

Cell:

Work:

Home:

School District:

School/Office Name:

Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000 is sent directly to the institute of higher education or the organization, not to the scholarship recipient. Indicate the name of the institution/organization to which the scholarship should be made payable if you are its recipient for 2016.

Name of IHE/Organization:

b. Essay

Part I- Please submit an essay of 500 words of your professional goals and share why you are seeking to expand your knowledge and skill set relative to professional learning.



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