

## Teacher Scholarship Fund Donation Form

*I (we) would like to make a gift to the Teacher Scholarship Fund*

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

### Please send notification of this gift to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to be recognized in Foundation publications? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check.

Bill my MasterCard/Visa (circle one)

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name, as listed on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Send form to:

Teacher Scholarship Fund  
Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence  
120 N. Robinson, Suite 1420-W  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102



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## About the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization founded in 1985 by former governor and longtime U.S. Sen. David L. Boren, president of the University of Oklahoma. The Foundation's sole mission is to recognize and encourage academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools.

In addition to offering Teacher Scholarships, the Foundation's other initiatives include its Academic Awards Program, which provides \$199,000 in scholarships and cash

awards annually to honor outstanding public school students and educators. The Foundation provides year-round technical support and assistance to local education foundations across the state and sponsors the annual Fall Forum for Local Education Foundations.

Among its other efforts, the Foundation for Excellence coordinates a fellowship program to send Oklahoma teachers to the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute and provides scholarships for

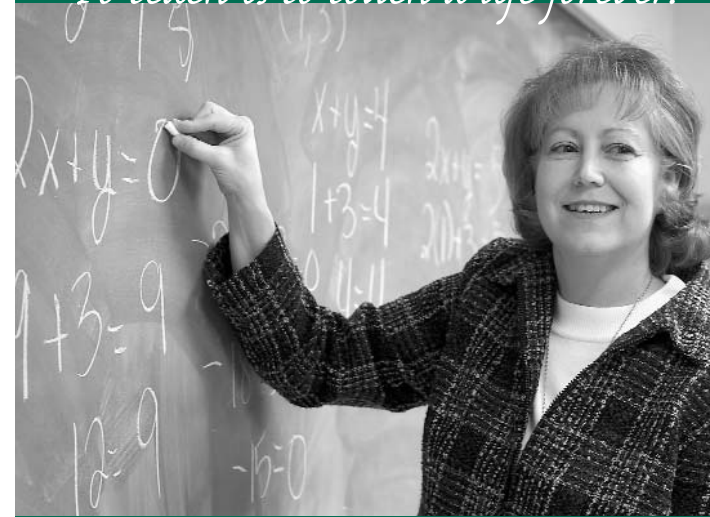
schools to receive Colonial Williamsburg Electronic Field Trips, bringing colonial history to life in the classroom. The organization also administers the Schusterman Mentor Program, which pairs Academic All-State alumni with academically at-risk elementary school students.



### For more information, contact:

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*To teach is to touch a life forever.*



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A Guide to  
**Memorial and Honorary Gifts**



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## Memorial Gifts

Families, particularly those of teachers and school administrators, can honor and commemorate the life of their loved one by designating the Teacher Scholarship Fund as the memorial beneficiary.

“What can be a more fitting way to honor a loved one’s devotion to education than to designate a memorial gift that provides other teachers the opportunity to develop their skills and bring renewed excitement to the classroom,” says David L. Boren, chairman and founder of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. “More important, our school children will be the ultimate beneficiaries of such gifts, which will enhance their classroom learning experiences.”

When announcing your memorial designation, talk to your funeral director about your wishes and please include a mention of the memorial fund in the obituary: “In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in (name’s) honor to the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Teacher Scholarship Fund, 120 N. Robinson, Suite 1420-W, Oklahoma City, OK 73012.”

Remember, memorial gifts may be made at any time — even years after someone has passed away — in honor of a birthday, anniversary or as a special remembrance.



*Gov. Brad Henry and First Lady Kim Henry (left) congratulate Minco Public Schools teacher Karen Schmidt, the recipient of the first Audre’ L. Henry Scholarship for Special Education Teachers. The new scholarship was established through memorial gifts made in honor of the governor’s mother, a former special education teacher and school administrator. Through their memorial designation, the Henry family has created a meaningful legacy that will impact many Oklahoma teachers and their students.*

## Honorary Gifts

Most of us have a special teacher in our lives — someone who lights the path to discovery, who opens new doors to learning, who encourages students to grow and do their best. By making an honorary gift to the Teacher Scholarship Fund, you can pay tribute to a living person, whether it is your child’s teacher, a new or retiring educator, or special school supporter in your community. There is no better way to say thank you to a special teacher than through an honorary gift to the Teacher Scholarship Fund.

## Scholarship Endowments

Memorial and honorary gift donors have the opportunity to create a permanent endowed scholarship named for their loved one when individual or combined gifts to their fund total \$40,000 or more. Such gifts may be designated to provide scholarships in a specific field of study or a particular geographic area, such as the honoree’s hometown.



*(Above) Stephen Prilliman, a 1994 Academic All-Stater and University of California at Berkeley doctoral graduate now teaches high school science in Oklahoma City. (On the cover) Teacher Scholarship recipient Donna Smith of Ada*

**Introducing Teacher Scholarships for Professional Development**

**Teachers have an awesome responsibility. Through their skills, their knowledge, their patience and dedication, they help shape the citizens and decision makers of the future. Now you can help give Oklahoma’s teachers the training and encouragement they need to better serve our students by making a memorial or honorary gift to the Teacher Scholarship Fund of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.**

- All teachers, whether they are new to the profession or seasoned veterans, need the opportunity to refresh their skills and gain new insights.
- Your gift helps support scholarships for Oklahoma teachers to attend top-quality regional, national and international conferences in their chosen fields.
- These Teacher Scholarships for Professional Development help cover the costs of tuition, travel, lodging and even the expense of hiring substitute teachers.
- Researchers have found that teacher ability is a stronger determinant of student achievement than a student’s economic standing, race or parents’ educational attainment.
- Teacher scholarship recipients are required to share what they learn with fellow teachers at their school or within their district — multiplying the effects of their professional development experience.

**The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is pleased to send a card to the living honoree or to the family of the memorial honoree notifying them that a gift has been made to the Teacher Scholarship Fund.**