

BREVARD FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

2026 UNION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HARRY T. & HARRIETTE V. MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FRAN SHEVENELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

JOHN CHYBION MUSIC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIZABETH TORO READING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Brevard Federation of Teachers is pleased to offer scholarships to be used as supplementary aid for high school seniors planning to attend college. With the exception of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Scholarship, we ask that only children whose parents have union affiliation apply. Please complete the checklist for the scholarship(s) and submit all documentation via email: Vanessa.Skipper@floridaea.org, addressed to the Brevard Federation of Teachers via the school courier, or mailed to BFT C/O Vanessa Skipper at 1007 S. Florida Avenue, Rockledge, FL 32955. If you are applying for more than one, please complete the packet for each scholarship. All completed applications must reach the BFT office by April 17, 2026.



Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore

Memorial Scholarship:

Harry T. Moore was hired in 1925 to teach at Cocoa's only black elementary school and was promoted to the principal of the Titusville Colored School in 1927. Harriette V. Moore was hired in 1928 as a first grade teacher at Mims Elementary School. She worked along side Harry in the movement to improve the lives of and attain equal justice and opportunity for Florida's Black citizens and Brevard County's Black educators and students. In 1946, due to their activism, Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore were not offered contracts for the next school year by the Brevard Public School Board. On Christmas night in 1951, the educators and activists were victims of a bombing of their home in Mims. On February 23, 2021, the School Board of Brevard County recognized the unjust firing of the Moores. In partnership with the American Federation of Teachers, the Florida Education Association, the Brevard Association of School Administrators, the Brevard Alliance of Black School Educators, and Anthony Hill, Chair of the Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force, the Brevard Federation of Teachers is proud to offer this scholarship. As the Moore's were graduates of Bethune Cookman University and Brevard County teachers, the \$3500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who will attend a Historically Black College or University in Florida to major in education with the intent to teach in Brevard County upon graduation.

Application Checklist:

- Attending a Florida HBCU & majoring in education
 - indicate on application & include acceptance letter
 - include intent to teach in Brevard after graduation

- Resume
 - Resume should include awards, extra curricular activities, and accomplishments you think the committee should consider

- Essay
 - This multi-paragraph essay should explore the activism of Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore, discussing their role as social justice warriors and the importance of teaching their legacy. Please remember that form is important as well as content. Essay should be typed, double spaced, with careful attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

- Current Transcript
 - Should indicate on track to graduate from a Brevard Public School
 - Should be signed by your school counselor

- Completed Applicant Form

Fran Shevenell Memorial Scholarship:

Fran Shevenell was a French teacher and an active member of BFT before her death from cancer in 1974. This scholarship is provided in partnership with the Brevard Federation of Teachers Retired Chapter. Please emphasize the importance of the essay portion of this application. The essay can be the deciding factor in determining who receives this \$500 scholarship.

Application Checklist:

- Must have Parent with Union Affiliation
- Resume
 - Resume should include awards, extra curricular activities, and accomplishments you think the committee should consider
- Essay
 - This multi-paragraph essay should explain why you would like to receive this scholarship (i.e., your college plans, your career aims and any special need you have for a scholarship.) Please remember that form is important as well as content. Essays should be typed, double spaced, with careful attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Current Transcript
 - Should be signed by your school counselor
- Completed Applicant Form

John Chybion

Music Memorial Scholarship:

John Chybion was an elementary music teacher and a passionate member of BFT as a building representative, executive board member, and delegate to state and national conventions before his death in 2020. Students who found a love for music at any level in school are encouraged to apply for this \$500 scholarship.

Application Checklist:

- Must have Parent with Union Affiliation
- Resume
 - Resume should include awards, extra curricular activities, and accomplishments you think the committee should consider
- Essay
 - This multi-paragraph essay should explain why learning music has made a difference in your life and how you plan to continue with music in the future. Please remember that form is important as well as content. Essays should be typed, double spaced, with careful attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Current Transcript
 - Should be signed by your school counselor
- Completed Applicant Form

Elizabeth Toro

Reading Memorial Scholarship:

Before her death in 2020 from COVID-19, Ms. Toro was a compassionate and supportive teacher, who served students with significant learning disabilities and reading deficiencies. She embraced the challenges that those classes presented with enthusiasm and dedication. She developed strong relationships with all her students and was a “safe space” for many of the most challenging students, both academically and behaviorally. Students who read this and immediately have a teacher like this come to mind are encouraged to apply for this \$500 scholarship.

Application Checklist:

- Must have Parent with Union Affiliation
- Resume
 - Resume should include awards, extra curricular activities, and accomplishments you think the committee should consider
- Essay
 - This multi-paragraph essay should explain how a teacher or teacher(s) made a difference in your life. Please remember that form is important as well as content. Essays should be typed, double spaced, with careful attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Current Transcript
 - Should be signed by your school counselor
- Completed Applicant Form

BFT Scholarship Applicant Information

Scholarship for which you are applying:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ School (if a teacher): _____

Guardian's Employer: _____ Union Affiliation: _____

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Guardian's Employer: _____ Union Affiliation: _____

Name of college you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____

Have you received any other scholarships? If so, please list:

In what area do you plan to major? _____

Is there anything else that you would like the committee to consider?

BFT Scholarship Applicant Information

Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ School (if a teacher): _____

Guardian's Employer: _____ Union Affiliation: _____

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Guardian's Employer: _____ Union Affiliation: _____

Name of college you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Please attach copy of acceptance letter.

Have you received any other scholarships? If so, please list:

Do you plan to major in education? _____

Do you plan to return to Brevard to teach in a Brevard Public School? _____

Is there anything else that you would like the committee to consider?
