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**The Horace Buddoo Teachers of Tomorrow Scholarship - $500**

APPLICATION & INFORMATION

**HISTORY OF THE GRACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Grace Scholarship Fund was founded in 2013 by Charissa Lawrence to provide academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences for young Jamaican students of outstanding promise.  The fund provides scholarship winners with the financial assistance to help them attend colleges, universities and trade schools both domestically and abroad.  Our hope is that recipients will go on to achieve exemplary success in the classrooms and in their chosen fields of expertise – all the while, making Jamaica proud!

**About Mr. Horace Buddoo**

Horace Buddoo is an educator, speaker, educational consultant, and speaker coach. From the first day he stepped into the classroom as a substitute teacher back in 2003, Horace Buddoo knew that it was the beginning of a lifelong and rewarding journey in education. He is originally from Jamaica but has lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for most of his life. Horace is currently a mathematics educator at Gulliver Preparatory School in Miami, Florida which is rated by Niche.com as the 4th best independent school in the state of Florida. He was formerly at West Broward High School in Pembroke Pines, FL and part of the Broward County Public School system, which is the 6th largest public school system in the United States. Horace has been recognized my many media outlets such as NBC6 and National Public Radio (NPR) for his contribution to education but one of his most treasured recognition was when he received a Mayoral Proclamation from the City of Pembroke Pines for his work as a Master Teacher in 2013.

Horace has been very active in educational consulting at the state level. He has served on the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) Mathematics Achievement Level Description Panel, the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Standard Setting Educator Panel, and the FSA Mathematics Item Content Review Panel. He is also a part of the "Leadership in Education" panel which is run by Leadership Florida and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This 34-member panel includes accomplished superintendents, school board members, principals, teachers, state education department professionals, education foundation representatives, association leaders, business partners and other public officials around the state of Florida. Horace was also involved in Better Lessons Master Teacher Project which is another project that was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal of this project was to write math curriculum that reflecting the changing standard shifts that were adopted by the majority of the United States. Recently, Horace was able to get one step closer in his commitment to change education in the United States by going to Finland to study their world-renown educational system first-hand back in 2017. Horace is currently collaborating with the University of Michigan's Graduate School of Education in their "TeachingWorks" program. This project aims to improve teacher training by researching and modeling highly impactful and effective teaching. TeacherWorks also seeks to provide resources pedagogical improvement aimed towards new teachers as well as seasoned teachers.

Horace has a great passion for teaching and learning and wants to encourage more young Jamaicans to make a difference in the lives of Jamaican children by becoming a teacher.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

All applicants for The Community Scholarship must meet all of the following criteria:

1. ​Must be a Jamaican national
2. Must have graduated from high school in Jamaica
3. Must be currently enrolled as a full-time student pursuing an Education Major
4. Must be in financial need / must have experienced financial hardship in your life
5. Must attend in person scholarship reception on Saturday, September 1st

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**SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

This scholarship may be used for funding related to current enrollment by the student at an accredited college or university. Students may use the scholarship funds to help cover the costs of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, study abroad and other college related expenses.

**APPLICATION TIMELINE & SUBMISSION**

* Application Deadline – June 15th, 2018. No exceptions. All eligible applications are due by 11:59pm EST.
* Completed applications must be sent to: info@gracefund.org. The subject of the email must read “Name of Scholarship – Full Name of Applicant”. For example if your name is John Doe and you are applying for the Community Scholarship the subject of your email with your application should be “Community Scholarship – John Doe”.
* Attachments – (1) completed application (2) proof of admittance/enrollment to your college or university

**DATA PRIVACY**

The Grace Scholarship Fund is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of the application information data that you provide to us. The Grace Scholarship Fund understands and acknowledges that you have reposed trust in us to protect the confidentiality and security of all the information and data.

The Grace Scholarship Fund will not use your information and data for purposes other than this specific application review. The Grace Scholarship Fund will not sell, or otherwise disseminate or make available to third parties the information and data that you provide, in whole or in part. The Grace Scholarship Fund will restrict access to the information and data that you provide to those persons who will evaluate your information and data for purposes of determining your eligibility for, and making awards of, the financial assistance that The Grace Scholarship Fund provides. If you win a scholarship, you may be asked to feature language from your application for the use of GraceFund newsletters.

| The Grace Scholarship FundCommunity SCHOLARSHIP Application Form |
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| **Applicant background Information** |
| Name:  |
| Age: | Home Number:  | Cell Number:  |
| Hometown:  | Male/Female (M/F):  |
| Current address:  |
| email address:  |
| Are you currently enrolled in college/university (Y/N)? |
| **General School Information** |
| Primary School Name & Address:  |
| High School Name & Address:  | High School Graduation Date:  |
| If requested, can you provide your high school transcript (yes or no):  |
| Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exam (CAPE) subjects taken and results (level):

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| **Subject** | **Level** | **Grade/Result** |
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| SAT Score (if taken):  | ACT Score (if taken):  |
| **SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION** |
| We believe that technology is at the forefront of education and business outlets around the world. We love to see when youth are embracing technology and utilizing social media. As such, we’d like to know if/how you are engaging with social media.  |
| Have you liked our Facebook Page?  |
| Are you on Instagram (Y/N)? If yes, are you following @gracefund (Y/N)?If yes, what is your IG handle?  |
| Are you on Twitter (Y/N)? If yes, are you following @gracefund (Y/N)? What is your Twitter handle? |
| **HIGH SCHOOL INORMATION** |
| Provide a brief description of any academic honors, awards or leadership positions during your high school years: |
| Provide a brief description of volunteer service performed during your high school years:  |
|  **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION** |
| Current OR Intended College or University name:  |
| Start Date (or intended start date):  |
| Your current college personal email address (if applicable):  |
| Number of credits/units/courses completed (if applicable): |
| Number of years completed (if applicable):  | Expected Graduation Date:  |
| Major:  |
| \*\*\*Please be sure to provide a copy of your transcript and proof of enrollment as an attachment\*\*\* |
| **ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY INformtaion** |
| (For current college/university students) Provide a brief description of academic honors, awards or leadership positions during your college/university years:(For current college/university students) Please provide a brief description of any volunteer service you have participated in during your college/university years:  |
| **Essay Resposnes** |
| Why do you want to become a teacher? *(500 words or less):*  |
| What will you do, personally, to impact the state of education in Jamaica? *(500 words or less)* |
| Explain what you love most about Jamaica and how will you give back to the island after you complete college/university *(500 words or less)*:  |
| Please describe, in detail, financial hardship you have experienced in your lifetime?   |
| **Signature (please sign below):** |
| Signing below is required for review of your application. Signature indicates that you hereby verify that the above information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. (Typing your name is sufficient) |
| e-Signature of applicant: | Date: |