



The Jean Ramirez PBIS Scholarship Application for 2019-2020

A Partnership Between the Georgia Foundation for Public Education (GFPE) and the Georgia Department of Education's (GaDOE) Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support of Georgia (GaPBIS) Unit

GaDOE PBIS in conjunction with GFPE is proud to announce the ***Jean Ramirez PBIS Scholarship Program for 2019-2020***. Under the program, scholarships will be awarded to two Georgia College and State University (GCSU) students and two Georgia Southern University (GSU) students to pursue a PBIS graduate certificate beginning summer term 2019. Currently, these are the only universities in Georgia that offer a graduate certificate in PBIS.

Jean Ramirez (1962-2014)

Jean Ramirez was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, a special education teacher with the Dougherty County School System, and a specialist with the Southwest Georgia Learning Resource System. Established in 2008, she was also one of the key founders of school-wide PBIS at the Georgia Department of Education.

Her contributions to the vision of PBIS in Georgia were unmatched. Jean was instrumental in helping the PBIS state-wide network to become a major force in the state's efforts to improve school climate through the PBIS framework. Her early work laid the foundation for the expansion of PBIS in Georgia and made this scholarship possible.

Each scholarship will pay full-tuition for the cost of three graduate level courses that lead to the awarding of a PBIS certificate from either GCSU or GSU.

Available Scholarships: GaPBIS has four scholarships available for 2019-2020:

- Two PBIS Scholarships worth \$3,600.00 each will be awarded to students who plan to pursue a PBIS certificate at Georgia Southern University.
- Two PBIS Scholarships worth \$3,600.00 each will be awarded for students who plan to pursue a PBIS certificate at Georgia College and State University.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Seeking public educators with a record of teaching and/or administrative success.
- Seeking graduate students with a record of teaching and/or administrative success.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their undergraduate degree.
- Scholarship funds will be paid **upon proof of enrollment directly to the college** and not to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Foundation at that time an invoice for tuition and fees, student ID number and college information, for each semester, along with verification of GPA.

Application Deadline:

Application deadline is **November 30, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.** to be received by each school. **Late applications are not accepted.**

Mail or email one copy of a completed typed application package to Georgia PBIS, 1766 Two Towers East, Atlanta, GA 30334 and or to gapbis@doe.k12.ga.us

(This includes application with essay and school transcript.)

The applications will be reviewed by the GaPBIS Jean Ramirez Scholarship Review team and selections made by January 25, 2018. The scholarship awards will be announced in the spring of 2019 in time for early enrollment for summer term 2019.

JEAN RAMIREZ PBIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Mobile or Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.	
6.	Name and location of post-secondary institute or program attending: When do you plan to enroll: Name and contact information of the staff member most familiar with your post-secondary plans:	
7.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in college: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and any volunteer activities:	

8.	What other financial aid are you receiving? What are your projected out-of-pocket expenses for the upcoming school year?
9.	Name of school system, school (if applicable) and position title where currently employed:
10.	On a separate sheet please type an essay (250-500 words) answering the questions below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your interest in PBIS. • Describe how a PBIS graduate certificate and possible GaPSC PBIS endorsement would assist you in your professional growth. • Why do you need this assistance?

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Jean Ramirez PBIS scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I may be required to be present at any potential awards ceremony, surprise, or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to work with the Foundation and GaDOE PBIS staff to provide the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution. I understand that scholarship funds may be delayed in being sent to my chosen educational institute or program, if I do not provide the appropriate enrollment information.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

<p>Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Essay <input type="checkbox"/> High School/College Transcript (if other than GSD)</p> <p align="center"><u>MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO YOUR SCHOOL</u> <u>(ADDRESSES ON PREVIOUS PAGE)</u></p> <p align="center">REMINDER: The deadline for this application to be received by the PBIS team via gapbis@doe.k12.ga.us subject line: "Jean Ramirez Scholarship" is: November 30, 2018 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!</p>
