



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 (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 in 2019-2020. 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 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 GaDOE.

Her contributions to the vision of PBIS in Georgia were unmatched. Jean was instrumental in helping the PBIS state-wide network become a major force in the state's efforts to improve school climate through the PBIS framework. Her early work laid the foundation for 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 the 2019-2020 school year:

- 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 to 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 **March 30, 2019 by 4:00 p.m.** Late applications are not accepted.

Mail or email one copy of a completed typed application package to Georgia PBIS, 1766 Twin 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 Jean Ramirez PBIS Scholarship Review team. The scholarship awards will be announced in the spring of 2019 in time for early enrollment for summer term 2019. **Recipients must begin the first course of their respective program no later than Summer 2020 to receive scholarship funds.**

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 Undergraduate 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 you 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 Georgia Professional Standards Commission PBIS endorsement would assist you in your professional growth. • Why do you need this assistance?

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm 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:** _____

Checklist

- Application
- Essay
- College Transcript

**MAIL or EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO GaPBIS
(ADDRESSES ON PREVIOUS PAGE)**

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the PBIS team via mail or gapbis@doe.k12.ga.us with the subject line "Jean Ramirez PBIS Scholarship" is: **March 30, 2019 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!**