

TO: All Interested Savannah Public High School Seniors & Staff:

FROM: Paul Ellis-Graham, Scholarship Chairperson

RE: R.U.F.F.'s (Retirees Unite for the Future) "Philly" J. Meyers Memorial Scholarship

In 2018, the organization of community senior citizens commonly known as R.U.F.F. created a scholarship to honor its founder Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers. We awarded our first \$500 scholarship in 2019. We continue to offer the same amount to a deserving Savannah public high school student every year.

As you read the accompanying pages, you will discover why our organization exists and why we chose to create a scholarship in Philly Meyers's name.

Please follow the directions carefully and return the application, the required essay, and three letters of recommendation to the address as noted.

All completed applications should be postmarked and mailed **NO LATER THAN** April 1st.

Any questions regarding the Philly Meyers Memorial Scholarship can be directed to me at: pegsox24@gmail.com or 845-781-6405

RETIREES UNITE FOR THE FUTURE

ORIGIN AND PURPOSE:

The organization known as Retirees Unite for the Future was formed in 2006 by our close friend and colleague Phillip J. "Philly" Meyers. Philly brought us together so that we could improve the world in which we live. As senior citizens we educate, advocate, energize, organize, and mobilize on behalf of our members. Facing such critical issues as healthcare, social security, hunger, homelessness, and Alzheimer's disease, we must reach out in order to make our voices heard by those in power. We also realize that these issues confronting seniors also impact the lives of younger Americans too and we will always extend a helping hand to others who see what we see and need our assistance.

As a local organization located here in Savannah, we often partner with other like-minded organizations in achieving the objectives described above. Those groups include:

Alzheimer's Association of GA
Area Agency on Aging
Greening Georgia
GOTV
Meals on Wheels

Moms Demand Action
N.A.A.C.P.
Savannah Central Labor Council
Savannah Feed the Hungry
Veterans for Peace

THE PHILLIP J. "PHILLY" MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On January 5, 2018 "Philly" Meyers, the founder of Retirees Unite for the Future, passed away in his home city of Savannah. Mr. Meyers, a native of New York, a union member of New York City's Local #2, was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps, having served his country during the Vietnam War.

Upon his retirement, he moved to Savannah where he created the organization known as R.U.F.F. His advocacy on behalf of others, especially seniors like himself, inspired many in the Savannah area to want to join in and help ALL of those in need, regardless of race, color, creed, or age.

Upon Philly's passing, the members of RU.F.F. created a memorial scholarship in his honor. We have agreed to award a \$500.00 yearly scholarship to a deserving senior in any public high school within the City of Savannah.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, each applicant must complete the application on the next page and provide all supporting information and documentation. In addition to that requirement, each applicant must produce a 500-word essay that describes what they have done and/or will do in order to help those citizens most in need in their community which can be local, regional, statewide, nationwide, or even worldwide in nature.

Along with their essay and application, each applicant must provide THREE letters of recommendation from adults who can best speak to their individual experiences and desires for their post-high school plans.

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NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST.

The Phillip J. Meyers Memorial Scholarship
c/o Retirees Unite for the Future
P.O. Box 14496
Savannah, GA 31416-1496

APPLICATION FOR THE PHILLIP J. MEYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF SAVANNAH PUBLIC HS _____

NAMES OF REFERENCES (3) _____

LIST OF SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES _____

LIST OF COMMUNITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES _____

LIST OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES _____
