



# Alumni Teacher Development Fund

## ***Applications will be handled on a rolling basis.***

*Applicants should be mindful of the new state travel regulations and allow an extra 2-3 weeks for the Alumni Committee to meet and render a decision. Applicants will be notified of the decision within two business days after such decision is made.*

Submit completed proposals to the REF office:

Ridgewood Education Foundation, P.O. Box 575, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

See below for complete instructions.

## **History**

At their 50th reunion, the RHS Class of 1946 established a fund to provide one or more teacher development scholarships for faculty members of Ridgewood High School. In so doing, they were recognizing the essential role of previous generations of teachers in their lives as well as the impact of present and future teachers on the lives of their children and grandchildren. The classes of 1951 and 1952 picked up on the idea and made significant Alumni Fund contributions at their 50th reunions. Since then, eligibility for the awards has been extended to tenured faculty in all Ridgewood Public Schools, and other classes and individuals have joined the pool of donors.

Since 1996, grants totaling over \$15,000 have been awarded to teachers in the Ridgewood School District. Because of this Fund, Ridgewood teachers have been able to attend seminars, workshops, conferences and symposia, and they have returned with new techniques for teaching in a variety of classroom environments.

## **Scholarships**

The Alumni Teacher Development Fund has grown to include two endowed scholarships: The **Lois Vedder Gray World Languages Teacher Scholarship**, and the **Van Huyck Scholarship**.

The \$2000 **Lois Vedder Gray Scholarship** was first awarded as a Spanish Teacher Scholarship in 2005, but is now open to all tenured world language teachers in the district. Mrs. Gray was a Spanish teacher at Ridgewood High School for over 32 years. The scholarship was established with a bequest from her estate.



Lois Vedder Gray

The **Van Huyck Scholarship** was endowed in 2005 by John Van Huyck '49 and Alfred Van Huyck '50 in memory of their father, Phillips M. Van Huyck '20. Phillips Van Huyck moved to Ridgewood as a boy in 1909, and returned to Ridgewood after college to raise his family. His love of education brought him to the presidency of the combined boards of the Parents' and Teachers' Association. The Van Huyck Scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500 annually. Applicants may also apply under the regular ATDF program.



Phillips Maybee Van Huyck

## Application Procedure

Teachers who are interested in submitting proposals for any of the three annual ATDF awards must meet the following criteria:

-Applicant must be a *tenured teacher* currently teaching in the Ridgewood Public School District.

-Applicant must submit a brief proposal describing how a grant would help to further his/her professional development in the applicant's field.

-Proposal must include a *budget*, showing separately the amounts of tuition, registration, travel and subsistence expenses.

-Proposal must include a *letter of endorsement* from applicant's principal.

-Applicant's proposal must note for which ATDF program he/she is applying.

-Complete proposals, including original signatures of applicant and his/her principal, shall be submitted in hard copy to the Foundation office by **October 1, 2007**. Grants will be awarded by a committee consisting of representatives of donor classes and the Foundation's Board of Trustees. *Applicants who are awarded grants are required to write a summary of their grant-supported experiences suitable for publication in the Foundation newsletter.* Grant decision announcements will be made by mail.

Mail complete proposals, including supporting letters and other documents, to:

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or drop off at the REF office, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood.

For questions, please call the REF office at 201-652-2903.

## Donate to the Alumni Teacher Development Fund!

The Ridgewood Education Foundation relies solely on the generosity of its members and contributors for the source of its grant funds. *All donations to the Alumni Teacher Development Fund go into the Fund.* Administrative expenses are paid from investments.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RHS Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of/In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership level (please circle):

\$5000    \$2500    \$1000    \$500    \$250    \$100    \$75    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check Enclosed or \_\_\_ Mastercard/VISA Acct # & Exp. Date:

\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card:

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Billing Address (if different from above):

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Signature: (Required for credit card only)

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Please make check payable to: **Ridgewood Education Foundation**. Please send your donation along with this form to: **Ridgewood Education Foundation, P.O. Box 575, Ridgewood, NJ 07450**. REF is an IRC sec. 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you!