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ALABAMA HUMANITIES FOUNDATION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RILEY SCHOLARSHIP TO BENEFIT K-6 TEACHERS

The Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) is pleased to announce the ninth-annual **Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship** benefiting kindergarten through sixth-grade teachers. This scholarship is a professional development opportunity for teachers to receive a **\$1,000 scholarship** to enhance their teaching about Alabama/American History and citizenship and to encourage civic involvement by students in their community. **The application deadline is Friday, May 27, 2011.**

The Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship is named for the late daughter of Bob and Patsy Riley as a means of honoring her memory and her dedication to the teaching and nurturing of Alabama's most important citizens: our young children.

The Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to teachers who exhibit Riley's philosophy of love, passion for teaching and commitment to civic and public service. Through her work as a kindergarten teacher, Riley displayed an infectious zest for life affecting those around her, both young and old. Her energy and enthusiasm flourished when she creatively thought about how to help someone. Riley was an exemplary role model, not only at school, but also within her community. She knew how to use her strengths and talents to better this world.

The purpose of the Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship is to provide a professional development opportunity to one or more Alabama teachers each year. Each recipient should embrace Jenice Riley's philosophy. Selection will be based on the teacher's commitment to encouraging students' pride in Alabama and America, helping students to understand history, instilling an awareness and an appreciation of our forefathers and heritage, building civic pride, and teaching the value of public service. Applicants must teach in an accredited public or private school in the state of Alabama.

The scholarship may be used for any purpose to advance the recipient's knowledge and teaching skills. Scholarships may be used for attending an institute or seminar; traveling to libraries, museums or archives; offering an innovative school program; or providing new educational opportunities for students.

The application deadline is Friday, May 27, 2011. Applications with a short essay should be mailed to: Alabama Humanities Foundation, Attn: Riley Scholarship Selection Committee, 1100 Ireland Way, Suite 101, Birmingham, Alabama 35205. Please visit **ahf.net** or contact the Alabama Humanities Foundation at (205) 558-3993 to receive a copy of the application and examples of past projects.

The recipients will be announced at AHF's annual fall humanities awards luncheon in Birmingham.

About the Alabama Humanities Foundation

The purpose of the Alabama Humanities Foundation is to create and foster opportunities to explore human values and meanings through the humanities. AHF is a nonprofit organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (of which AHF is the state affiliate), as well as by corporate and individual donors. AHF conducts its own statewide programs, such as the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, SUPER teacher institutes and SUPER Emerging Scholars for students, and awards grants, on a competitive basis, to nonprofit organizations for humanities projects. For more information on AHF and its programs, please visit **ahf.net** or call (205) 558-3980.

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