

IRTA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 16, 2010
AT THE INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OFFICES

A minimum of one scholarship shall be awarded annually in each of the eight (8) geographic areas of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association so long as an application is received in each of these geographic areas and so long as the applicant meets the following criteria:

- a. The student applicant is an Indiana resident and is a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, legal dependent, or spouse of an active, retired or deceased member of the Indiana Teachers Retirement Fund (TRF). Membership in the Indiana Retired Teachers Association is not a prerequisite for consideration.
- b. The applicant must have achieved at least a "C" grade point average for 3 semesters in a college or university to be eligible to apply.
- c. An applicant may apply with sophomore class standing in order to receive the scholarship as a junior, or an applicant may apply with junior class standing in order to receive the scholarship as a senior. Class standing shall be determined according to the records of the Indiana college or university. The scholarship award will be issued to a qualified applicant who is enrolled full-time in the education program of an Indiana based college or university.
- d. Once a student has been selected as a scholarship participant and enrolls for the succeeding fall term, he or she shall receive the full value of the scholarship.
- e. All financial awards shall be paid directly to the Financial Aid Administrative Office of the individual Indiana college or university in which the respective scholarship award recipient is enrolled.
- f. The application includes a statement justifying a financial need.
- g. If it is in the best financial interest of the scholarship recipient, the recipient may request that the scholarship be held in escrow for one year. With the approval of the Scholarship Committee such action may be taken.
- h. The applicant must be enrolled in a program leading to a first baccalaureate degree.
- i. A scholarship shall be awarded to an applicant one time only and is nonrenewable.

Part II

ACADEMIC DATA:

Student Name: _____

Name of High School From Which You Graduated _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Graduation _____ Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

1. Please list your most significant college and community activities (and years of involvement) **since high school.**

2. List two or three significant activities you were involved in during high school

3. **Essay:** On a separate sheet of paper, in 200-250 words, state your principal reasons for desiring a degree in the field of education.

4. **Include your official college transcript.**

Part III

Statement of Financial Need (family financial statement)

Student Name: _____

- 1. Tuition Cost for the current year at your college or university: _____
- 2. Where do you live: residence hall, off campus, with parents, Greek housing, other (indicate)
- 3. Amount of student earnings during the summer of 2009: _____
- 4. Do you have a job during the school year? If so, where and how many hours a week do you work?
What are your average weekly earnings? _____
- 5. Are you using loans to assist with your educational expenses?
Amount of loans for 2009-2010 school year.
- 6. Please list amount of each of the scholarships or grants you are receiving in 2009-2010.
- 7. Amount parents are providing toward your cost of education for 2009-2010 _____
- 8. Parents: married____ divorced____ remarried with stepparent____
family members____ # family in college 2009-2010_____
- 9. Occupation of father/stepfather _____
mother/stepmother _____

10. Estimated Range of Parents' 2009 Total Income:

- _____ Less than \$30,000
- _____ \$30,000-\$50,000
- _____ \$50,000-\$80,000
- _____ \$80,000-\$100,000
- _____ Over \$100,000

Note: Please provide estimated income for parent(s) you lived with during the summer of 2009.

For married student, please list total income for 2009:

- ___less than \$20,000
- ___\$20,000-\$35,000
- ___\$35,000-\$50,000
- ___over \$50,000

11. Your additional comments may be noted on the reverse side.

It is required that one **college teacher** or **counselor** send a **letter of recommendation** directly to the IRTA Office. (See Part IV.)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

(Name)

DATE: _____

Please list the names of your parents as you would like to have them listed in the press release if you receive a scholarship:

Application must be received in the IRTA office on or before March 16, 2010.

Send to: Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA)
150 West Market Street, Suite 610
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2812

Phone: 317-637-7481
888-454-9333 (toll free)

Email: irta@retiredteachers.org

The Scholarship Selection Committee will place major emphasis on the following areas:

- ❖ **Academic Record**
- ❖ **Financial Need**
- ❖ **College, Community and High School Activities**
- ❖ **Written Communication Skills**
- ❖ **Statements of Recommendation**

IRTA GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

