



INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (IRTAF)

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IRTAF SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE PRIOR TO 12:00 AM E.S.T. ON APRIL 1

One \$2000 scholarship may be awarded annually in each of the ten (10) geographic areas of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) as long as a complete application is received from each of these geographic areas and so long as the applicant meets the following criteria.

- a. The student applicant is an Indiana resident.
- b. The applicant must have been accepted into the Education Program of an Indiana 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 recipient and enrolls for the following 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. 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.
- g. The applicant must be enrolled in a program leading to a first baccalaureate degree.
- h. A scholarship shall be awarded to an applicant one time only and is nonrenewable.

Applications to be completed by the applicant along with all other materials and recommendations and returned to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) prior to 12:00 AM on April 1.

INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Must be received in the office of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) by
April 1 (Midnight - EST)

Part 1 – Personal Data

*Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

*Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

*Phone/email: _____
Phone E-mail

*County of Home Residence: _____
County

*College address:
(while at college)

Street City Zip

*Are you enrolled in the education program of your college/university? Yes No
(Select one)

*Name of college/university you are attending: _____
Name

*Address of college/
university attending _____
Street City Zip

*Expected college classification for the upcoming term: Junior Senior
(select one)

*How did you find out about the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation scholarship?

Part 2 – Academic Data

*Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

*Name of high school from which you graduated: _____
Name of high school

*High school Address: _____
City State Zip

*Date of high school graduation: _____
Graduation date

Please **LIST** your involvement in significant activities **during high school** (examples: sports, community activities, music, drama, student organizations, etc...) Please indicate number of years involved. EXAMPLE: 1. Drama Club 2 years, 2. Basketball 3 years

Please **LIST** your involvement in significant activities **since high school** (examples: sports, community activities, music, drama, student organizations, etc...) Please indicate number of years involved. EXAMPLE: 1. Drama Club 2 years, 2. Basketball 3 years

**** Submit a COPY of an Official Transcript of credits from all Indiana colleges or universities you have attended must be sent by the University Registrar to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation office.**

Part 3 – Statement of Financial Need

*Name of Applicant:

Last

First

Middle

*Total anticipated cost (include tuition, housing, and books) for the
upcoming year:

Total Cost

Total amount that you anticipate receiving from scholarships and/or grants for the upcoming year. (If your college/university financial aid office can provide you with a Student Aid Notification Form, it would be helpful to submit a copy with your application.)

(select one)

Part 4 – Unusual or extraordinary financial circumstances

*Name of Applicant:

Last

First

Middle

Include any extraordinary and unusual financial circumstances that you feel the scholarship committee should be made aware of concerning you and your education. Extraordinary or unusual financial circumstances could include death of a parent or spouse, severe illness, loss of income, other siblings in college, etc.

Part 5 – Essay

*Name of Applicant:

Last

First

Middle

In a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 500 words, respond to the following question: What attributes of your past teachers do you hope to replicate in your teaching career? Why? *The use of AI is not acceptable and will be monitored for usage.

Part 6 – Recommendation Letter – Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation

Name of applicant: _____

Last

First

Middle

APPLICANT: I agree that this evaluation will be kept in confidence and shown only to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation Scholarship Committee. I understand that my signature below waives any right of inspection or review of this evaluation which may have been granted under the terms of the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act of 1974.

Signature of applicant: _____

****FACULTY MEMBER OR ACADEMIC ADVISOR:****

The student named above is an applicant for a scholarship offered by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession upon completion of their undergraduate degree.

A requirement for the student's scholarship application is a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. Please send the letter directly to the following address. Thank you!

**Indiana Retired Teachers Association
Foundation P.O. Box 715
Plainfield, IN 46168**

(MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE BY APRIL 1 – THANK YOU!)

Part 7 – Checklist and Mailing Instructions

Please list the name(s) of your parent(s) or guardian(s) as you would like to have them listed in the press release if you receive a scholarship.

****PLEASE NOTE****

Should you receive a scholarship, we ask that you send a digital picture to our office by May 1. Pictures are used for our press releases and the yearly report to our 17,000 retired teacher members.

CHECKLIST:

The following items are to be sent to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation office:

_____ A COPY of an Official Transcript of credits from all Indiana colleges or universities you have attended.

_____ A completed application (**make sure Parts 1-7 are completed and are all included**)
(Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.)

_____ A faculty recommendation letter (to be sent directly from faculty member to IRTA)

Applications are reviewed and scored by IRTA member volunteers from the ten geographical areas.

Mailing Address:

P.O. BOX 715, PLAINFIELD, IN 46168

E-mail: info@retiredteachers.org

Questions:

Phone: 317-637-7481
1-800-454-9333 (toll free)

****Please note that this application is to be completed by the applicant and received by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation office no later than midnight (EST), April 1.**