

INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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 and sponsored by a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.
- 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.
- i. **The application is to be completed by the applicant along with all other materials and recommendations and be sent to the Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation (IRTF) office no later than April 26, 2019.**

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
IRTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Must be received by the Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation (IRTF) by
April 26, 2019**

Part I – Personal Data

Name _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____
 (Street) (City) (Zip)

Telephone Number (Home or cell) _____ E-mail Address _____

Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) geographic area ____ determined by the location of the high school the applicant graduated from. See attached map.

County of Home Residence _____

Address while Attending College (if different from your home address)

 (Street) (City) (Zip)

Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Are you enrolled in the education program of your college/university? ____

Name and address of college/university you are attending _____

 (Street) (City) (Zip)

Check expected college classification for the coming term: Junior____ Senior____

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

Name of the referent (**see guideline “a”**) who is a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association

Address _____
 (Street) (City) (Zip)

Referent's IRTA Membership Number _____

Part II – Academic Data

1. Student Name _____
Name of High School from which You Graduated _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of High School Graduation _____

2. Please list your involvement in significant activities (e.g., sports, community, music/drama/student and/or educational) during high school.

3. Please list your activities (e.g., campus, community, education and/or others) **since high school**. Please indicate years of involvement where applicable.

4. **An official transcript of credits from the Indiana college or university you are now attending must be sent by the Registrar to the Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation office.**

Part III – Statement of Financial Need (Family Financial Statement)

Student Name _____

1. Total cost (including tuition, campus housing and books) for **current** year _____

2. Where do you live? Please check one:

Residence Hall _____ Off Campus _____ With Parents _____ Greek Housing _____

Other (specify) _____

3. Your earnings during the previous summer _____

4. Do you have a job during the **current** school year? Yes ___ No ___

If “yes,” where do you work? _____

What are your average weekly earnings? _____

5. Are you using loans to help with educational expenses? Yes ___ No ___

6. Are you receiving **scholarships** for the **current** year? Yes ___ No ___

If “yes,” please list them (name/source and amount) for the current year:

7. Are you receiving **grants** for the **current** year?

Yes ___ No ___

If “yes,” please list them (name/source and amount) for the current year:

8. Are parents providing assistance with your education costs for the **current** year?

Yes ___ No ___

Please indicate your parents’ approximate annual income by checking one of the following:

_____ Under \$25,000

_____ \$25,000 to \$50,000

_____ \$50,000 to \$100,000

_____ Over \$100,000

9. Include any extraordinary circumstances that you feel the committee should be made aware of concerning you. **(Backside or extra paper can be used; please indicate if used.)**

Part IV – ESSAY

In a **maximum of 300 words** explain your decision to enter the field of education.

Part V – Recommendation Letter – Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation

Name of applicant _____

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

APPLICANT: I agree that this evaluation will be kept in confidence and shown only to the Indiana Retired Teachers 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: A requirement for the student’s scholarship application is a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and it must be sent directly to the following address:

**Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation
2629 Waterfront Pkwy East Drive, Suite 105
Indianapolis, IN 46214**

Part VI: Checklist and Mailing Instructions

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

Should you receive a scholarship, we ask that you send a digital picture to our office for our press releases and for the yearly report to our Representative Assembly.

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

- An official transcript of your grades from an Indiana college/university
- Completed application with essay
- Faculty recommendation letter

Mailing Address:

Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation
2629 Waterfront Pkwy East Drive, Suite 105
Indianapolis, IN 46214

Phone: 317-637-7481
1-888-454-9333 (toll free)
Fax: 317-637-9671

E-mail: info@retiredteachers.org

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