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IRTA Offers Scholarships for Future Teachers

Applications Must Be Received by February 17, 2009

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The Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) Foundation is again offering scholarships for university-level students majoring in education. IRTA offers this annual award in order to assist future teachers and encourage the continuance of quality education in Indiana. A total of eight scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded. The scholarship is available for sophomores or juniors who are majoring in education at an Indiana college or university.

The student applicant must be an Indiana resident and a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, legal dependent or spouse of an active, retired or deceased member of the Indiana Teachers Retirement Fund (TRF). The applicant must have achieved at least a "C" grade point average for three semesters in a college or university to be eligible to apply. 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.

For complete application requirements and an application form, visit the IRTA website at www.retiredteachers.org or contact IRTA. Applications must be received in the IRTA office by February 17, 2009.

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IRTA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 17, 2009 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 2008: _____
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 2008-2009 school year.
6. Please list amount of each of the scholarships or grants you are receiving in 2008-2009.
7. Amount parents are providing toward your cost of education for 2008-2009 _____
8. Parents: married _____ divorced _____ remarried with stepparent _____
family members _____ # family in college 2008-2009 _____
9. Occupation of father/stepfather _____
mother/stepmother _____

10. Estimated Range of Parents' 2008 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 2008.

For married student, please list total income for 2008:

- ___ 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:

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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**

Part IV

RECOMMENDATION FORM
INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

-- DUE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 17, 2009 IN THE IRTA OFFICE --

We suggest the student's academic advisor or current faculty member complete the recommendation form.

Name of Applicant _____

Social Security Number _____

The student named above is an applicant for a scholarship offered by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. The Scholarship Selection Committee is asking that you file a written recommendation concerning the named student. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession upon the completion of their undergraduate degree.

(Applicant should sign below if applicable.) I agree that this evaluation may be kept in confidence and shown only to the IRTA Scholarship Selection Committee. I understand that by entering into this agreement I am waiving 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 _____

Person completing the recommendation form:

How long have you know the applicant? _____

What are the first words that come to your mind to describe the applicant?

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Compared to other college students you work with, indicate (x) your rating of this student in terms of academic skills and potential as a future teacher.

|                             | <u>Average</u> | <u>Very Good</u> | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Exceptional</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Creative, Original Thoughts | _____          | _____            | _____            | _____              |
| Motivation                  | _____          | _____            | _____            | _____              |
| Independence, Initiative    | _____          | _____            | _____            | _____              |
| Potential for Growth        | _____          | _____            | _____            | _____              |
| Summary Evaluation          | _____          | _____            | _____            | _____              |

Additional comments on reverse side.

Signature of Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*This recommendation form may be mailed to IRTA at the following address:

**IRTA, 150 W. Market St., Suite 610, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2812**

# IRTA GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

