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From: Irene Jinks, Chairperson  
IRTA Board of Directors

Date: November 16, 2007

Re: Foundation Scholarships for 2008

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The Illinois Retired Teachers' Association Foundation is proud to offer six \$1500 scholarships, one in each of the six IRTA areas, to residents of Illinois. Anyone who is or will be a junior or senior in college, **is a child, grandchild or a great-grandchild of an IRTA member**, and has been accepted into a Teacher Certification Program may apply. Attendance at an Illinois college or university is not a requirement, but the applicant must be a resident of Illinois.

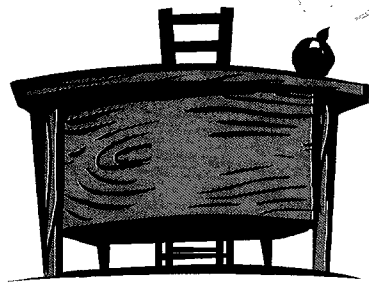
These scholarship applications must be filled out and returned to our state office with a postmark no later than March 7, 2008. All requirements on the application must be met before the applicant can be considered for a scholarship. A \$750 stipend will be sent at the beginning of each semester to the student in each area who has qualified and has been selected. These scholarships are good for one year only. If a recipient wishes to be considered for a second time, then application must be made for that year. The scholarship money may be used at the student's discretion.

Permission is given to copy the necessary forms for students who wish to apply for a scholarship. Applications are also available online on the IRTA website ([www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org)).

If you have any questions about these scholarships, please contact Melissa Clarke at the address given below.

### Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation

620 North Walnut St., Springfield, IL 62702 - Phone 217.523.8488 - Toll-Free 800.728.4782  
Fax 217.523.8493 - [www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org)



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**TO ALL**  
**JUNIOR AND SENIOR**  
**EDUCATION STUDENTS**



**Do you have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and have been accepted into a Teacher Training Program?**

*Then you may be eligible for an academic scholarship from the IRTA Foundation.*

The IRTA Foundation's objective is to provide scholarships to students who are beginning their junior or senior year of college in the field of education. Each student must be a full-time student and maintain at least a 3.0 average during the time period the scholarship is in effect. Applicants must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of an IRTA member.

In 2008, the IRTA Foundation is offering six \$1,500 scholarships to Illinois students, one in each of the six IRTA areas of the state. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 7, 2008 and recipients of the scholarships will be announced on April 21, 2008. \$750 will be awarded at the beginning of the first semester, and the remaining \$750 will be awarded at the beginning of the second semester (providing the student maintains eligibility).

If you think you qualify and would like more information about these scholarships, please contact your Educational Advisor or the Regional Office of Education in your area. You may also contact our office:

**Illinois Retired Teachers Association**  
**620 North Walnut Street**  
**Springfield, IL 62702**  
**Telephone Melissa Clarke at 800.728.4782**

# ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

## IRTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The scholarship will be awarded to one full-time student each academic year for each IRTA Foundation area.
- B. The scholarship recipient shall receive a grant of \$750 each for fall and spring semesters, totaling \$1,500 for the year, to be used for educational expense.
- C. If for any reason the recipient does not conform to any or all policies, the IRTA Foundation Board has the right to revoke the scholarship.
- D. All applications must be received on or before March 7, prior to the applicant's junior or senior year in college, in the office of the IRTA Foundation. Recipients will be notified on April 21 of that same year.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. **Applicant's mother, father, grandparent or great-grandparent must be an IRTA member.**
- B. An application must be received by the IRTA office and postmarked no later than March 7 prior to a student's **junior or senior year in college**. The student must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program in order to receive IRTA Foundation Scholarship funding.
- C. Applicants must reside in the IRTA Foundation area from which the application was made. However, attendance at an Illinois school is not required as long as the school attended maintains an accredited Teacher Training program.
- D. Applicants must have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- E. The recipient must furnish a copy of the university or college official transcript prior to receiving funds.

### 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- A. Each applicant must complete an application provided by the IRTA Foundation.
- B. The applicant must submit a one-page letter (double-spaced, if typed) stating educational intent and special family circumstances.
- C. Three character references, from other than family members, must accompany the application. Please include name of reference, applicant's relationship to the reference, and a means of contacting the reference.
- D. A transcript from all colleges attended by the student must accompany the application.
- E. Each applicant must sign a Consent to Release Information form authorizing the IRTA Foundation to verify the accuracy of all information and documentation submitted with the scholarship application.

**ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

**APPLICATION FOR IRTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP  
2008-2009**

**PERSONAL DATA**

Applicant's name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependent Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in college \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status of applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced

Information requested below is for applicant's parents or spouse if applicant lives with or is financially dependent on parents or spouse for support. Independent applicants should list personal information. The Foundation reserves the right to request copies of income tax returns.

Total taxable household income from previous tax year (check one):

\_\_\_ 0 - \$20,000    \_\_\_ \$20,001 - \$30,000    \_\_\_ \$30,000 - \$40,000    \_\_\_ \$40,001 - \$50,000    \_\_\_ Over \$50,000

Please specify each source of this income. (If needed, please use a separate sheet of paper.)

Please indicate all non-taxable income received or expected to receive (source and amount). Examples include JPTA assistance, welfare assistance, educational social security or veteran's educational benefits.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR SPOUSE (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)

DATE

**IRTA MEMBER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Previous college attendance

Name of Institution and Dates attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution attending in 2008-2009: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL COLLEGES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

Note: Be sure to include the following: (1) Three letters of recommendation (not from family members), (2) **One page** (double spaced) personal letter stating need and reasons for applying for scholarship, (3) All official college transcripts, (4) Form giving Consent to Release Information.

Return by March 7, 2008 to: IRTA Foundation, 620 North Walnut Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Attention: Melissa Clarke

(217) 523-8488

(800) 728-4782

## CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give Consent for the IRTA  
NAME OF APPLICANT

to announce my award-winning in the media if I am a recipient of an IRTA  
Foundation Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE