

ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

**MOLER-AUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The scholarship will be awarded to two full-time students.
- B. Each scholarship recipient shall receive a grant of \$4,500 for the academic year, to be used for educational expenses.
- C. If for any reason a recipient does not conform to any or all of the policies, the IRTA Foundation Board has the right to revoke the scholarship.
- D. All applications must be postmarked and mailed or emailed to the office of the IRTA Foundation on or before **March 7, 2026, prior to the applicant's sophomore, junior, or senior year in college.** Recipients will be notified by April 21 of that same year.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The student must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program in order to receive IRTAF scholarship funding.
- B. Applicants must be graduates of a Kendall County high school. Recipients of the Moler-Austin scholarship must submit proof of graduation from a Kendall County high school before receiving funds.
- C. Applicants must have a declared major in education.
- D. Applicants must be enrolled in an Illinois college or university.
- E. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- F. Applicants must provide official college/university transcripts prior to receiving funds.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- A. Each applicant must complete an application provided by the IRTA Foundation.
- B. Each applicant must submit a one page (double-spaced) personal letter of introduction, also stating reasons for applying and reasons why the applicant should be named a recipient.
- C. All official college/university transcripts must accompany the application.
- D. Proof of graduation from a Kendall County high school must accompany the application.
- E. A signed "Consent to Release Information" form must be submitted with each application.

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APPLICATION FOR THE IRTA FOUNDATION  
**MOLER-AUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP**  
2026

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- A declared major in education
- Enrollment in an Illinois college/university
- Graduate of a Kendall County High School

PERSONAL DATA

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous College/University Attendance:

Name of Institution/s and Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Enrollment in 2026-2027: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected year of Graduation (ex: 2028): \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSURES

Please enclose the following with your application:

- One page (double-spaced) personal letter introducing yourself, also stating why you are applying for this scholarship, and reasons why you should be named a recipient
- All official college/university transcripts
- Proof of graduation from a Kendall County high school
- Signed "Consent to Release Information" form

Postmarked/mailed on/before March 7, 2026 to: IRTA Foundation, Inc.  
828 S Second St  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Attention: Susan Goetz  
(217) 523-8488 (800) 728-4782  
[susan@irtaonline.org](mailto:susan@irtaonline.org)

## CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

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

Retired Teachers Association Foundation to verify application information. I also consent for the IRTA Foundation to use my photograph and to announce my award-winning in the media if I am a recipient of the Moler-Austin IRTA Foundation Scholarship.

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE