

ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

SANDSTROM SCHOLARSHIP

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The scholarship will be awarded to one full-time student each academic year.
- B. The scholarship recipient shall receive a grant of \$1,000 each for fall and spring semesters, totaling \$2,000 for the year, to be used for educational purposes.
- C. If, for any reason, a recipient does not conform to any of its policies, the IRTA Foundation Board has the right to revoke the scholarship.
- D. All applications must be postmarked on or before March 7, prior to the applicant's senior year in college, and mailed to the office of the IRTA Foundation. The recipient will be notified by April 21 of that same year.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. An application must be postmarked no later than March 7 and mailed to the IRTA office prior to a student's senior year in college. The student must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program in order to receive IRTA scholarship funding.
- B. Applicants must be residents of Illinois or have graduated from an Illinois high school.
- C. Applicants must have a declared major in physical education.
- D. Applicants must be enrolled at Monmouth College or Western Illinois University.
- E. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- F. Applicants must provide a copy of the college or university official transcript 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 selected as the recipient.
- C. An official transcript from all colleges attended by the student must accompany the application.
- D. Proof of graduation from an Illinois high school must accompany the application.
- E. Three letters of recommendation must accompany the application. These letters should be from non-family members, and should include the name of the reference, the applicant's relationship to the reference, and a means of contacting the reference.
- F. Each applicant must sign a Consent & Release Information form, authorizing the IRTA Foundation to verify the accuracy of all information and documentation submitted with the scholarship application.
- G. Verification of acceptance into an accredited Teacher Education Program with a declared major in physical education must be provided. (*School of study should be listed on the official transcript.*)