

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation Sandstrom Scholarship

General information

- The scholarship will be awarded to one full-time student each academic year.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Eligibility

- 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 to receive IRTA scholarship funding.
- Applicants must be residents of Illinois or have graduated from an Illinois high school.
- Applicants must have a declared major in physical education.
- Applicants must be enrolled at Monmouth College or Western Illinois University.
- Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must provide a copy of the college or university official transcript prior to receiving funds.

Application Procedure

- Each applicant must complete an application provided by the IRTA foundation.
- 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.
- An official transcript from all colleges attended by the student must accompany the application.
- Proof of graduation from an Illinois high school must accompany the application.
- 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 with the reference, and a means of contacting the reference.
- 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.
- 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.)

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation, INC.

Rose Sandstrom Scholarship Application 2026

Scholarship requirements

- A 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- A declared major in physical education
- Enrollment at either Monmouth college or Western Illinois university
- Graduate of an Illinois high school
- Incoming senior in college
- Enrolled in an accredited teacher education program

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: _____

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 an Illinois high school
- Three letters of recommendation from other than family members
- Signed "consent to release information" form

Postmarked or emailed 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

Consent to release information

I, _____, give consent for the Illinois
NAME OF APPLICANT

Retired Teachers Association Foundation to verify my application information if necessary. I also consent that the IRTA foundation use my photograph and announce my award-winning in the media if I am a recipient of the Rose Sandstrom IRTA foundation scholarship.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE