

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 postmarked on or before March 7, prior to the applicant's junior or senior year in college, and mailed to the office of the IRTA Foundation. Recipients 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 **junior or senior year in college**. The student must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program in order to receive IRTA Foundation Scholarship funding.
- B. Applicants may reside and/or attend school in any state as long as the school attended maintains an accredited Teacher Training program.
- C. Applicants must have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- D. 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 letters of recommendation, 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.

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