

Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association

Scholarship Application Cover Page

School _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Parent(s) _____

GPA _____

Rank in class / _____

SAT
Voluntary _____

IMPORTANT: Applicants for this scholarship must be planning to enter a college major in the teaching profession. Applicants must write a letter to the committee explaining their career goals and how they plan to achieve them. Applicants must tell why they believe they should be selected for this scholarship. Include: School and community activities, service work, plus any experiences dealing with teaching children, ie, tutoring, camp counselor, Bible school, etc. This letter should also include a statement of financial need.

In addition, applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from school personnel and a current high school transcript..

Applications should be returned to the school Guidance Office by the date set by the Guidance Office. Finalists will be selected by the members of the JCRTA scholarship committee and arrangements will be made with the applicant for a mandatory interview by the committee.

JCRTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

February, 2024

1. Applicants are to be graduating high school seniors of Jefferson County, Illinois.
2. Applicants must be preparing for a career in the education (teaching) profession.
3. Applicant must have at least a grade point average of 3.0 or more on a 4.0 scale.
4. Before the student's school scholarship application deadline, the applicant shall:
 - a. submit a statement containing the following:
 1. school and community activities
 2. experience in such teaching activities as:
 - a. tutoring
 - b. camp counseling
 - c. Church and other community activities
 3. financial need
 - b. provide two letters of recommendation from school personnel in your high school who can address your potential as a teacher.
 - c. provide a personal letter noting career goals, describing plans for achieving goals, and explaining why the applicant is deserving of selection.
 - d. provide their high school transcript of grades, including GPO score. Including SAT score is voluntary.
 - e. turn in completed documents to the high school counselor so they all can be sent to the scholarship committee in one mailing.
4. Arrangements will be made by telephone for interviews with finalists. The interview is mandatory.
5. Notification of winners before Honors Day, 2024.
6. Recipients must enroll or be enrolled in an accredited college or university.

VERY IMPORTANT: After enrollment, the scholarship recipient should tell the appropriate office of the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled to send official notice of this to the Scholarship Committee. Upon such notification by the school, the scholarship check will be sent to the appropriate office of the school for the 2024-2025 school year. The money can be sent for summer semester upon proper notification.

7. The official notice from the college or university should be sent to Larry Pearson, 17530 E Knox Road, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864.