



January 20, 2012

Dear Future Teacher,

The Springfield Education Association is offering a scholarship for students who plan to pursue a career in public school teaching. The scholarship was instituted in honor of a Springfield educator, Sue Handy, and has been continued under the auspices of the SEA.

The scholarship is available to any senior or graduate of District #186 who has attended a District #186 high school for at least one year, or to a student whose parent or legal guardian is an employee of District #186, provided the student is enrolled in a public school.

This scholarship is designed to assist a deserving student who plans to become a public school teacher.

A complete typed application includes the following:

1. Background information sheet
2. Essay - one page in length
3. Three letters of recommendation - two of which must be from current or former teachers
4. Proof of acceptance at a recognized college or university in a teacher preparation program

Please submit a typed copy of both the background and the essay.

An online version of this scholarship form can be downloaded at www.springfielddeduction.org.

Submit your completed application to the Springfield Education Association, 3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704 **no later than March 1, 2012.**

Finalists should be available to be interviewed on **March 24, 2012**, by representatives of the Springfield Education Association. You will be notified of the time for a personal interview at a later date. Scholarship recipients/continuant will be announced at your high school's May Awards Assembly.

We appreciate your interest in furthering public school education, and we look forward to considering your application.

If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact the SEA-IEA office at 787-7060.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee:

Jill Hicks (Ridgely), Chairperson
Dan Ford (SEA President)
Steve Rambach (Lanphier)
Mary von Liski (Marsh/Lee)

Dara Voss (Retired)
Susan Hage (Butler)
Sara Oehlert (Harvard Park)

CRITERIA:

1. The scholarship is available to high school seniors or graduates of a District #186 high school, or the children of employees of District #186 who attend a public school.
2. The applicant must have attended District #186 schools for at least one year, or in case where parent/legal guardian is an employee of District #186, he/she/they must have been in the District's employ for at least one year.
3. The applicant must submit a typed application by **March 1, 2012**, to the SEA-IEA office, 3440 Liberty Drive, Springfield, IL 62704:
 - A. Background information sheet (typed)
(This form can be downloaded at www.springfieldeducation.org)
 - B. Essay (typed)
 - C. Three letters of recommendation - two of which must be from current or former teachers
 - D. Proof of acceptance at a recognized college or university in a teacher preparation program
4. The applicant must complete the interview process.
5. Proof of acceptance at an accredited college in a teacher preparation program must be submitted before monetary awards are issued.
6. Awards will be a minimum of \$200.00 - freshman year; \$200.00 - sophomore year; \$200.00 – junior year; \$400.00 - senior year. Should a recipient enter the scholarship program as a sophomore, junior, or senior in college, the monetary award will reflect the year of entry.
7. The recipient must send annually a transcript to SEA verifying continuation in an education program and good standing academically in the college. Probation or failure to send a yearly transcript will disqualify the student from receiving award.

SUE HANDY/SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BACKGROUND INFORMATION SHEET
(Please type)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: _____

ACCREDITED COLLEGE BY WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED:

(If acceptance has not yet been received, list colleges where you have applied.)

SCHOOL-EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (student government, drama, publications, sports, music, etc.):

HONORS OR AWARDS (National Honor Society, music or athletic awards, etc.):

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (church, scouts, park district, YMCA/YWCA, social service):

WORK EXPERIENCE (summer jobs and/or after school jobs):

ESSAY: WHY DO YOU WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING?