

TO: IEA-NEA Board of Directors  
IEA-NEA Local Presidents  
IEA-NEA Field Staff

FROM: Jill Hicks, Chairperson  
IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee

DATE: August 2009

RE: 2010 - 2011 Scholarship Information Sheet & Application

The IEA-NEA has established a scholarship program that is open to all children/legal wards of current IEA-NEA members. All children/legal wards of deceased, divorced, or IEA-Retired members are eligible to apply, regardless of child's age or marital status, as long as they plan to pursue a career in teaching.

The Committee is now accepting applications to make awards for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please read the application carefully.

Previous winners may reapply but are not guaranteed an award. They will be put into the pool with all other applicants.

Feel free to photocopy applications as needed. **ALL APPLICATIONS, COMPLETE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 4, 2009 IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Please note that applications and/or supporting documents postmarked after this deadline date will not be eligible for the 2010 – 2011 program.

If you wish to ensure that your application and the supporting documents have been received at the IEA office by the designated date, we invite you to call or to send the application by certified mail. No faxes will be accepted.

Questions regarding this program may be sent to: Illinois Education Association, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 100 E. Edwards, Springfield, IL 62704.

Status letters to all applicants will be postmarked by February 20, 2010. The decision of the Committee is final.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**REMEMBER:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPLICATIONS COMPLETE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 4, 2009 IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.</b></p>
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2010 - 2011 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION SHEET

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THE SELECTION CRITERIA IS ITEMIZED BELOW:

1. Program is open to Bachelors or Masters degree-level students who are pursuing a degree in education.
2. **THE APPLICATION, ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 4, 2009.**
3. The following criteria will be used to screen applicants.
  - A. Parent/Guardian is an IEA-NEA member. Children/wards of deceased, divorced, or IEA-Retired members may apply. No agency fee-payer's child/ward may apply for this program.)
  - B. Student is a Bachelors or Masters-level student enrolled in coursework that qualifies for certification in an education-related field in Illinois. High school students and individuals not currently enrolled in college who apply for this program must plan to enroll in this field of study.
  - C. Commitment to work in your education field in an Illinois public school one year.
  - D. Equal importance given to applicant's:
    - Economic need
    - Academic achievement (GPA, ACT and transcripts)
    - Extra-curricular activities
    - Essay
4. **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION—NO EXCEPTIONS. MISSING DOCUMENTATION WILL INVALIDATE THE APPLICATION. THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING ALL DOCUMENTS ARE ENCLOSED WITH THE APPLICATION.**
5. The selection will not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, religion, or national origin. The top candidate(s) from each of the three IEA-NEA geographic sections will be selected.
6. **APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILLED IN BY HAND. HOWEVER, ALL ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.**

The IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee is available to answer any questions. Please address any questions to the Illinois Education Association-NEA, 100 East Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704-1999 - Attention: Scholarship Committee.

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION: NO EXCEPTIONS OR THE  
APPLICATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

1. High school and college transcripts:
  - a. If you are a high school student, send your high school transcript.
  - b. If you are a college student, send your college transcript (*college freshman should send a high school transcript, if you do not have 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades.*).
2. A **TYPED AND SIGNED** essay (maximum 300 words) that indicates why you wish to pursue a career in the field of education.
3. ACT/SAT scores.
4. Financial proof (send a copy of your tax return page that contains your "adjusted gross income").

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: DECEMBER 4, 2009**

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS TO:**

**IEA-NEA Scholarship Committee  
Government Relations  
100 E. Edwards Street  
Springfield, IL 62704-1999**

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED**

- ✓ Reciprocal agreement must be signed if award is received. Agreement specifies payback provisions if recipient decides against going into public school teaching in Illinois.
- ✓ If your Social Security number appears on any documents, please mark through it so that it is not legible.

2010 - 2011 IEA-NEA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ SEX   DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Phone Number Male Female Mo. Day Yr.

NAME OF PARENT (IEA Member)/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>NAME OF PARENT'S IEA LOCAL ASSOCIATION:</p> <p>_____</p>
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IF GRADUATED – GIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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G.P.A. (WHAT IS YOUR WEIGHTED SCALE?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
ACT or SAT SCORE

\_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE G.P.A. SCALE

COLLEGE STUDENT STATUS:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCES**

Gross Family Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (as reported on last year's income tax statement).

Estimated Tuition (only) Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ yearly **Do Not Include Room and Board Costs.**

If you have any extenuating financial circumstances (e.g., excessive medical costs, more than 1 child in college simultaneously, etc.) that should be considered, please list them here.

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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**WORK EXPERIENCE** (Please tell us about any work experience that you've had.)

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How did you find out about this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
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To the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and correct.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE                      DATE

**ETHNIC STATEMENT**

This statement is optional and failure to answer will in no way affect the review of your application.

**Ethnic Code:**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) American Indian/Alaskan native | <input type="checkbox"/> (4) Hispanic                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Asian/Pacific Islander         | <input type="checkbox"/> (5) Caucasian (not of Spanish origin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Black                          | <input type="checkbox"/> (6) Other                             |

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>✓CHECK-OFF LIST</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you signed your application <b><u>AND</u></b> essay?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you enclosed all of the following?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Essay</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transcript (high school or college)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial proof of family income (<i>Include a copy of your tax return page that contains your "adjusted gross income".</i>)</p>
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