

DATE: January 2024
TO: Mercer County High School Guidance Counselors
**FROM: MERCER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Mercer County Retired Teachers Association will be accepting scholarship applications from current high school seniors who have enrolled in, or are planning to enroll in, a college teacher-education program, as well as undergraduate college/university students who are currently enrolled in a college teacher-education program. The MCRT plan to award up to \$1000 to qualified applicants.

All applicants **MUST have a residential/home address in Mercer County, Illinois**, but may be a graduate of any high school which serves Mercer County residents, including Mercer County High School, Sherrard High School, Rockridge High School, United High School, or Alwood High School. Scholarship awardees will be notified in May and the scholarships will be presented at the June meeting of the MCRT.

One copy of the two-page application form is enclosed, and we ask that you make the information available to all interested and qualified students. Please make copies of the application form and give it to interested applicants. In the case of applicants who are current high school seniors, **please see that each applicant has a copy of their high school transcripts with current GPA to submit along with their application.** Any interested undergraduate college student applicants may also contact you for a copy of the application form, but are responsible for obtaining their own transcripts and letters of recommendation from their college or university.

Please note that the application **MUST** be completed and returned postmarked no later than April 1st to:

Mercer County Retired Teachers Scholarship Committee
c/o Karen Jones
1396 35th Ave.
Seaton, Illinois 61476

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 309/221-0417.

**MERCER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FOR MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS**

Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors, living in Mercer County, Illinois, who plan to enter the teaching profession; or students currently enrolled in an undergraduate teacher education program at an accredited college or university, who have a Mercer County, Illinois, residence. Due Date: Postmarked no later than April 1, 2024.

Please type or print neatly. Complete all blanks or use "NA" if it is not applicable to your situation.

FULL NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ BIRTHDATE _____

CITY

STATE

ZIP

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

COLLEGE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING NEXT FALL _____

COURSE OF STUDY _____

(Applicant must be preparing to enter a teaching career.)

WILL YOU RESIDE AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL ? _____

HIGH SCHOOL YOU HAVE OR WILL GRADUATE FROM _____ DATE _____

NAME OF PARENTS _____

ADDRESS OF PARENT(S) _____

EMPLOYED BY: (FATHER) _____

(MOTHER) _____

NUMBER OF SIBLINGS _____ ARE ANY ATTENDING COLLEGE? _____

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

- **Personal Essay**

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What are the reasons you are wanting to enter the teaching profession?

One page doubled spaced essay. It should address the prompt.

Judging will include mechanics, punctuation, spelling, and an organized essay that is easy to read.

- **Official Transcript
(include Grade Point Average)**
- **Awards and Honors**
- **Extra-Curricular Activities**
- **Community Outreach**
- **Work Experience**
- **Two letters of recommendations from teachers or other unrelated persons**

Applications will be considered incomplete if all information is not received by the deadline.

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The Mercer County Retired Teachers Association reserves the right to change the number of scholarships awarded and/or the monetary amounts given each year. It is expected the scholarship award for this year will be multiple scholarships up to \$1000 to qualified recipients.