



Scholarship Programs 2026

Are you passionate about becoming a teacher?

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTA Foundation) offers scholarship opportunities for students pursuing careers in education. These scholarships are designed to help ease the financial burden and allow students to focus on their studies and future careers.



IRTA AREA Scholarships

One \$2,000 scholarship is available in each of the six IRTA Areas across the state for college students enrolled in a certified teacher training program, as well as high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in education.



Moler-Austin Scholarships

Two \$4,500 scholarships are available to Kendall County high school graduates entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college with a declared major in Education.



Helen Kennedy Scholarship

\$2,000 scholarship for Illinois high school graduates entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college with a declared major in Education.



Rose Sandstrom Scholarship

\$2,000 scholarship for an incoming senior at either Western Illinois University or Monmouth College with a declared major in Physical Education.

Applications Open January 2026!

Apply online at www.irtaonline.org/foundation/scholarships/

