

**January 5, 2024**

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Illinois Education Association Retired (IEA-R) Abe Lincoln Chapter is offering the Sharon Miller Memorial Scholarship to students who plan to major in education and pursue a career in public school education. Students chosen for the scholarships will receive \$1000. Previous recipients who have not graduated from college are eligible to apply.

Applicants must be a Class of 2024 graduate or a college student who graduated from an Illinois Education Association (IEA) Region 11 or 47 school. Public school students whose parent or legal guardian has been employed by IEA Region 11 or 47 districts at least one year may also apply.

A completed application must include all of the following;

- The completed background information sheet
- A resume stating all extra curricular activities, honors and awards received, community service and work experience
- An essay not to exceed two double spaced pages: Today there are many challenges for public school teachers. Choose **three** issues that you think you will encounter in your classroom as a beginning teacher. Include your work, school and community service experiences that have prepared you to meet the challenges that you will encounter.
- TWO letters of recommendation one of which must be from the high school or college that you are currently attending. The second letter can be from anyone who can attest to your character, work ethic and work experience.
- All high school applicants must include high school transcripts. College students must attach their high school and college transcripts.
- High School students must include the letter of acceptance from the college that you plan to attend.

All applicant packets must be submitted to Karen Hoffek, 716 Trenton Drive, Sherman, IL. 62684 by **April 12, 2024**.

If you have any questions regarding your application contact Karen Hoffek at (217) 496-2647 or [karenhoffek@frontier.com](mailto:karenhoffek@frontier.com)

**SHARON MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
IEA-R ABE LINCOLN CHAPTER  
Background Information Sheet for 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_

**SENIORS: College you will attend** \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

**College Students: college you are attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year in college in 2024-2025** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of brothers and sisters including yourself in college in 2024-2025** \_\_\_\_\_