

January 13, 2017

Dear Future Teacher:

The Illinois Education Association-Retired (IEA-R) Abe Lincoln Chapter is offering the Sharon Miller Memorial Scholarships for students who plan to pursue a career in public school teaching. Each applicant selected will receive a \$1000 scholarship. Previous recipients are eligible to apply.

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or 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 school districts\* at least one year may also apply.

A completed application must include the following:

- Background Information Sheet
- Résumé stating extracurricular activities, honors and awards received, community service and work experience.
- **Essay: Discuss the challenges you will face as a public school teacher and what you will do to meet those challenges.** Include work experience and/or school and community services activities that have prepared you for a teaching career. Such activities are camp counselors or other organized programs for children. The essay should not exceed two double-spaced pages.
- Two letters of recommendation including one from a high school or college staff member at the school you are currently attending.
- High school students should include the letter of acceptance from the college you plan to attend.
- Transcripts (high school and college if applicable).

Submit your application to Karen Hoffek, 716 Trenton Drive, Sherman, IL 62684 by Friday, March 17, 2017.

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

The scholarship committee appreciates your interest in pursuing teaching in public school and look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

IEA-R Abe Lincoln Chapter  
Sharon Miller Memorial Scholarship Committee

### \*Region 11 & 47 High Schools

Athens  
Auburn  
Ball-Chatham  
Edinburg  
Girard  
Greenville

Learning Academy (SCLA)  
Morrisonville  
New Berlin  
Palmyra-Northwestern  
Panhandle  
Pawnee

Pleasant Plains  
PORTA  
Riverton  
Rochester  
South Fork

Springfield Ball-Charter  
Springfield High School  
Southeast High School  
Lanphier High School  
Lawrence Adult Ed. Center  
Taylorville

Tri-City  
Virden  
Williamsville

# Sharon Miller Memorial Scholarship

## IEA-R Abe Lincoln Chapter

### Background Information Sheet for 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

Father's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

College you are currently attending or will attend \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the application packet by March 17, 2017.**

**Karen Hoffek  
716 Trenton Drive  
Sherman, IL 62684**